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Eagles 1 - 1 Kingston  
Pines 3 - 0 Georgies  
Gully 0 - 1 Knights  
Cannons 0 - 0 South Playing tonight  
Zebras 0 - 0 Magic Playing tonight  
Bergers 0 - 0 Royals Playing tonight



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## KNIGHTS GET SEASON BACK ON TRACK THANKS TO LAST GASP WINNER AT GULLY



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## SHORT PASSES

Altona Magic's Koce Delev is back from injury and will be available for selection in tonight's game against Bulleen Zebras.

Richmond's Veton Korkarevski had to be stretchered off in Friday night's match against Kingston City. It appears Veton may have incurred a knee injury when he was brought down by City defender Nick Tolios. Tolios received a red card for his efforts and will automatically miss his team's next match while Korkarevski must await test results to see if the knee damage is structural or tissue related.

Richmond's Graham Hockless also came off late in that match with a slight hamstring pull. According to the club Hockless should be okay to resume playing duties next week, but will need to undergo treatment in the meantime.

Preston's Marinos Gasparis has strained a groin after playing 75 minutes on Friday night. Precautionary measures will be taken during the week and new coach Goran Lozanovski hopes it's nothing to serious.

Bulleen Zebras hopes to continue its recent rich vein of form and will be close to naming a full strength side for tonight's big match against Altona Magic. However, the most noticeable exclusions from the Zebra's line-up will be Ricky Diaco and Billy Celevski. The talented pair put in some sterling displays in recent weeks helping the Zebras climb the table, but unfortunately will be forced to sit and watch from the sidelines tonight due to injury.

Diaco is still nursing a niggling groin injury he picked up in the impressive victory against the Melbourne Knights just before the Easter break, while Celevski is awaiting MRI results on a hip injury he sustained on camp with the Olyroos.

One man looking to make his mark tonight in the Zebras v Magic game tonight will be Damian Guglielmi. Missing in action from the Bulleen squad in recent weeks due to a bruised leg, the versatile Guglielmi will be in strong contention for a place in Michael Michalakopoulos' starting line-up.

Oakleigh Cannons are awaiting on fitness tests to see if Steve Laurie and George Goutzioulis will be available for tonight's big clash against South Melbourne. The former Bob Jane Stadium pair are both recovering from knee operations and Cannons coach, Stuart Munro, will take a look at them at Saturday's training session before making a final decision on their selection chances.

South Melbourne's Scott MacNicol is still recovering from a slight hamstring strain and will also be subject to a fitness test before coach John Anastasiadis makes a decision on his fitness.

Meanwhile, Fawkner's Zoran Petrevski looks like he's finally on the way back after being out of action with a lengthy lay off. Zoran managed to play half a game with the reserves before making a long awaited appearance as a substitute in the last fifteen minutes of the epic battle against Preston on Friday night.

## TIME FOR A CHANGE AT SOUTH

12:45/3:00PM

**Round 18 – Sunday 2nd July**  
South Melbourne FC vs Essendon Royals  
3:45/6:00PM

**Round 20 – Sunday 16th July**  
South Melbourne FC vs Sunshine Georgies  
3:45/6:00PM

**Round 21 – Sunday 23rd July**  
South Melbourne FC vs Altona Magic  
3:45/6:00PM

**Round 23 – Sunday 6th August**  
South Melbourne FC vs Oakleigh Cannons  
3:45/6:00PM

**Round 25 – Sunday 20th August**  
South Melbourne FC vs Frankston Pines  
3:45/6:00PM



New match details are as follows:

**Round 11 – Sunday 30th April**  
South Melbourne FC vs Bulleen Zebras  
3:45/6:00PM

**Round 13 – Sunday 14th May**  
South Melbourne FC vs Green Gully Cavaliers  
3:45/6:00PM

**Round 14 – Sunday 21st May**  
South Melbourne FC vs Heidelberg Utd  
3:45/6:00PM

**Round 16 – Sunday 4th June**  
South Melbourne FC vs Kingston City  
3:45/6:00PM

**Round 6 – Sunday 11th June**  
South Melbourne FC vs Melbourne Knights

## TRANSFER NEWS

**As the April transfer deadline looms clubs have been busy in the scramble to finalise and tweak their respective squads.**

Bulleen have signed Daniel Miller from Preston Lions. Miller was selected to Angie Postecoglou's Young Succeroo squad last year and hopes to make his mark at the Veneto Club after unable to gain much match time with the Lions.

Frankston Pines have signed Craig Platt from Sunshine Georgies, Dimos Sevastiadis from Lagwarrin and Chris McFarlane from Eastern Lions.

The Pines also signed U/17 Joey international Leigh Broxham from the VIS but unfortunately he broke his ankle whilst training with the Melbourne Victory during the week.

The Monterey Reserve club are also hoping to sign Sunshine's Fidel Richards but will

have to await for FFV clearance as Richards has already transferred once this season.

Altona Magic are set to sign Preston's Steve Manceski. Both clubs are in advanced stages of negotiations and will hoping to make an official decision soon.

Meanwhile, Kingston City have sold Nick Papadopoulos to Springvale White Eagles and have acquired the services of former Marconi and Gold Coast goalkeeper David Acevski as well as former New Zealand Knights midfielder Xia Obin Zang.

The 25 year old Zang returns to the Grange Reserve outfit this week from China on a Sportsman Visa and is contracted to the club for three years.

The exciting midfielder with clinical finishing was with the club previously but had to leave the country due to Visa issues.

## YOUNG GUNS AT PINES READY TO SHINE

Frankston Pines went into battle against the Sunshine Georgies on the weekend with no less than seven first team players missing from the starting line up. After suffering the blow of having its prized Perth recruits suddenly walk out on the club to join South Melbourne and faced with of series of injuries, coach Craig Lewis was left to pick up the pieces and forced to blood a number of youngsters to try and get the Pines' Vodafone campaign back on track. Lewis was over the moon his side's performance against the Georgies saying, "We had five young kids out there today (Saturday), who really stepped up and took it to the next level, which is really positive for our club.

Their efforts were absolutely sensational." Perhaps in the not too distant future names like Ben Cullen, Colin Stewart, Lindrum Tiari, Dom D'Angelo, Ben Kasehagen and Adrian D'Ortenzio will be become familiar names in the Vodafone Cup.



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ROUND 10 SCOREBOARD

**RICHMOND EAGLES 1 – 1 KINGSTON CITY**  
Venue: Kevin Bartlett Reserve Friday 21st April Crowd: 900  
(HT 0-1) Referee: S. Rastocic.

GOALS: Curcija (KC), Robinson (RE) 76th,

YELLOW CARDS: J.Latinopoulos (KC) 30th, F.O'Colmain (RE) 37th, C.Konstans (KC) 40th, M.Stergiopoulos (KC) 64th, J.Spiteri (KC) 86th, M.Turnbull (KC) 89th.

RED CARDS: N.Tolios (KC) 88th.

EAGLES: r. Simioni, S.Webster, S.Burton, J.Baskerville, J.Robinson, T.Celentano, J.Rajher, S.Sivic (D.Visevic 60th), G.Hockless (I.Ibraimi 73rd), V.Korcarevski (N.Bahnsen 87th), F.O'Colmain.

KINGSTON: M.Turnbull, S.Iosifidis, C.Konstans, M.Stergiopoulos, M.Curcija, J.Di Iorio, J.Spiteri, J.Latinopoulos, T.Broddie, A.Kiratzoglou, N.Tolios.

**FAWKNER/WHITTLESEA 3 – 4 PRESTON LIONS**  
Venue: Epping Stadium Friday 21st April Crowd: 1500  
(HT 2-1) Referee: P. Taverna.

GOALS: C Recchia (FW) 22nd, R. Chillico (FW) 40th, Y. Galanos (PL) 43rd, B Gordioski (PL) 53rd & 85th, S. Ognenovski (FW) 71st, A Magnacca (PL) 89th.

YELLOW CARDS: E. Karahan (PL) 52nd ,

RED CARDS: None.

BLUES: S.Tilovski, M. B J.Angelovski, R.Chillico (G. Lom-bardo 65th), M. Tsiorlas, J.Siljavoski, T.Sterjovski, C. Recchia, S.Ognenovski, J. Sapazovski (Z. Petrevski 74th).

LIONS: G.Grueski, Z.Younan, A.Magnacca, B.Gorgioski, P.Siveski( 78th), S. Matthews, E.Karahan, M.Gasparis (S. Oksuz 70th), Y.Galanos, J. Majarovski.

**FRANKSTON PINES 3 – 0 SUNSHINE GEORGIES**  
Venue: Monterey Reserve Saturday 22nd April Crowd: 400  
(HT 1-0) Referee: S. Rastocic.

GOALS: C. Stewart (FP) 19th & 62nd, L Tiara (FP) 86th.

YELLOW CARDS: C. Jones (FP) 26th , C. Leopold (FP) 77th, A. Pisonis (FP) 71st, E Muscat (SG) 30th.

RED CARDS: None.

PINES: K. Mclvor, J. Cumming, M. Anderson, D. Craig, B. Cullen, L. Tiari, C. Jones, C. Leopold (A Williams 87th), A. Pisonis, (D'Angelo 79th), C. Stewart, C Platt.

GEORGIES : M. John, A. Tsirtsakis (I. Erdogan 46th), D. Delic, C. Az-zopardi, T Waterson, V. Trpcovski, E. Muscat, T. Neceski, I Filipovic, (E Soares 70th ), S. Kovacevic, M. Draycott (Gilmour 70th).

**GREEN GULLY 0 – 1 MELBOURNE KNIGHTS**  
Venue: Green Gully Reserve Sunday 23rd April Crowd: 1000  
(HT 0-0) Referee:

GOALS: J.Kozic (MK) 89th.

YELLOW CARDS: H.Matkovic (MK) 10th, P.Riccobene (GG) 22nd, A.Barisic (MK) 23rd, Z.Markovski (GG) 31st, M.Maisano (MK) 43rd, J.Kozic (MK) 89th.

RED CARDS: None.

GULLY: P.Schwalger, P.Riccobene, D.Fak, Z.Markovski, R.Cardozo, J.Nikolic (M.Sanders HT), R.Ollerton, D.Nastevski, A.Vargas, L.Lapsansky, B.Vassallo.

KNIGHTS: A.Cagali, N.Antic, D.Matkovic, I.Klarica, N.Caldwell, M.Maisano, I.Gelemanovic, B.Radman, H.Matkovic, A.Barisic, L.Slater.

PLAYING TONIGHT

**OAKLEIGH CANNONS ..... – ..... SOUTH MELBOURNE**  
Venue: Jack Edwards Reserve Monday 24th April KO: 8.15PM

GOALS: .....

YELLOW CARDS: .....

RED CARDS: .....

**BULLEEN ZEBRAS ..... – ..... ALTONA MAGIC**  
Venue: Veneto Social Club Monday 24th April KO: 8.15pm

GOALS: .....

YELLOW CARDS: .....

RED CARDS: .....

**HEIDELBERG UTD ..... – ..... ESSENDON ROYALS**  
Venue: Olympic Village Monday 24th April KO: 8.15pm

GOALS: .....

YELLOW CARDS: .....

RED CARDS: .....

VODAFONE CUP TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	T
Oakleigh Cannons SC	9	6	3	0	17	8	21	
Kingston City SC	10	6	2	2	17	9	20	
Altona Magic SC	9	5	3	1	16	10	18	
Heidelberg United SC	9	4	2	3	15	12	14	
Bulleen Zebras SC	9	4	2	3	10	11	14	
South Melbourne FC	8	4	1	3	9	10	13	
Frankston Pines SC	10	4	1	5	12	14	13	
Melbourne Knights SC	8	3	3	2	10	6	12	
Essendon Royals SC	9	3	3	3	11	11	12	
Green Gully Cavaliers SC	9	2	3	4	11	13	9	
Fawkner-Whittlesea SC	10	3	0	7	19	22	9	
Preston Lions SC	10	2	3	5	14	22	9	
Sunshine Georgies SC	10	2	2	6	8	14	8	
Richmond SC	10	1	4	5	11	18	7	

LAST MONDAY'S MATCH - ROUND 5

PRESTON LIONS 0 - 3 OAKLEIGH CANNONS

CANNONS BLAST PAST LIONS AT EPPING

Oakleigh Cannons continued their flawless start to the season, easily overcoming Preston Lions 3-0 yesterday at Epping Stadium. Despite the lob-sided score line, Preston came out spirited early on, really taking the game to the unbeaten Cannons. In the 9th minute the Lions almost took the lead, but Blaze Georgioski's shot was well saved by Cannons 'keeper Stuart Webster.

However, only minutes later, a clumsy challenge from Pece Siveski resulted in a penalty for the visitors, and Cannons midfielder Anthony Pelikan made no mistake from the spot, sending Lions 'keeper Goce Gruevski the wrong way to make the score one-nil after 10 minutes.

The Lions continued to search for the equaliser, but just seemed to lack the killer punch in front of goal, despite controlling much of the game for the remainder of the half. It was again Georgioski who came closest for the Lions, when his powerful header from Zaya Younan's free kick went narrowly over the bar in the 28th minute.

After going into the half-time break leading perhaps a tad fortuitously, the Cannons came out in the second half determined to secure the points. Billy Damianos was first to send Preston supporters hearts into their mouths, when his ferocious strike after a brilliant piece of play from Juan Nilo, rocketed just wide.

Damianos went one better only minutes later, linking up with Anthony Pelikan before calmly slotting the ball into the bottom corner of the net with an exquisite finish to send the Cannons 2-0 up in the 50th minute.

The introduction of Con Boutsianis for Oakleigh saw the visitors gain complete control of the game. Boutsianis almost added another directly from a corner, after his in swinging cross was allowed to skim past the goals.

Preston seemed to lack any imagination up front against the imposing Oakleigh defence, and in the 39th minute the points were all rapped up when substitute Raj Kumar provided a candi-

date for goal of the season when his 35-yard thunderbolt dipped under the crossbar leaving the hapless Gruevski with no chance.

Oakleigh coach Stuart Munro was pleased after the game at the way his side was able to again continue to dominate games right until the death. "First half was very very sloppy... I certainly wasn't happy at half time, even though we went in a goal in front...but second half, was more like it, we took control of the game and finished pretty comfortable in the end."

Preston assistant coach Lori Ristevski was understandably disappointed with the result, "We were quite confident going into the game, but we came across a very very powerful team and the players didn't really respond to it."

The win takes the Cannons to the top of the ladder, undefeated after 9 games with 21 points. Preston drop back to last on goal difference.

By Jason McNamara (FFV).



Cannons and Lions players keeping their eye on the ball.

Vodafone Cup Under 21s:  
Round 10:  
Fawkner-Whittlesea 2 Preston  
Lions 1, Richmond 0 Kingston  
City 1, Frankston Pines 0 Sun-  
shine Georgies 3, Green Gully  
Cavaliers Melbourne Knights ,  
Oakleigh Cannons South Mel-  
bourne , Bulleen Zebras Altona  
Magic , Heidelberg United Es-  
sendon Royals

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	T
Sunshine Georgies SC	10	7	0	3	38	15	21	
Richmond SC	10	6	2	2	24	10	20	
Green Gully Cavaliers SC	9	6	2	1	21	10	20	
Fawkner-Whittlesea SC	10	5	3	2	15	12	18	
Preston Lions SC	10	5	2	3	21	21	17	
South Melbourne FC	8	4	2	2	19	11	14	
Altona Magic SC	9	4	1	4	20	14	13	
Oakleigh Cannons SC	9	3	2	4	19	17	11	
Essendon Royals SC	9	3	2	4	11	17	11	
Bulleen Zebras SC	9	3	1	5	12	22	10	
Heidelberg United SC	9	2	3	4	14	19	9	
Frankston Pines SC	10	3	0	7	15	26	9	
Kingston City SC	10	2	2	6	15	30	8	
Melbourne Knights SC	8	1	0	7	7	27	3	

VODAFONE CUP  
ROUND 11

ESSENDON ROYALS  
V  
FAWKNER/WHITTLESEA  
Veneto Social Club,  
Bulleen Mel: 32 D9  
Friday 28th April  
KO 8.15pm

OAKLEIGH CANNONS  
V  
RICHMOND EAGLES  
Jack Edwards Reserve,  
Oakleigh Mel: 69 H9  
Friday 28th April  
KO 8.15pm

ALTONA MAGIC  
V  
FRANKSTON PINES  
Paisley Park Reserve,  
Altona MEL: 55 C5  
Saturday 29th April  
KO 7.30pm

PRESTON LIONS  
V  
KINGSTON CITY  
Epping Stadium,  
Epping MEL:14 E8  
Sunday 30th April  
KO 3pm

MELBOURNE KNIGHTS  
V  
HEIDELBERG UNITED  
Knights Stadium,  
Sunshine MEL:27 A6  
Sunday 30th April  
KO 3pm

SUNSHINE GEORGIES  
V  
GREEN GULLY  
Chaplin Reserve,  
Sunshine MEL: 26 G12  
Sunday 30th April  
KO 3pm

SOUTH MELBOURNE  
V  
BULLEEN ZEBRAS  
Bob Jane Stadium,  
Albert Park MEL:2K F6  
Sunday 30th April  
KO 3pm

VODAFONE CUP  
LEADING  
GOALSCORERS

Becvinovski, Saso 7  
Curcija, Michael 7  
Magnacca, Anthony 6  
Tsiorlas, Mark 5  
Spiteri, Joe 5  
Vassallo, Brandon 4  
Recchia, Carl 4  
Masi, Esala 4  
Caldwell, Nathan 4





# VODAFONE CUP

*Round 10*


## LAST GASP WINNER EARNS KNIGHTS THE POINTS



**KOZIC PUTS SOMERS ST CAMPAIGN BACK ON TRACK**

### Green Gully 0 - 1 Melbourne Knights



**AN injury time winner from Josip Kozic snapped a two-game winning streak for the Melbourne Knights while reigning premier Green Gully slipped further from the Vodafone Cup top six.**

In an even contest in cold and slippery conditions at Green Gully Reserve, the Knights stole the match after the teams seemed destined to be offered a point each.

The Cavaliers, missing influential midfielder Jeffrey Fleming, succumbed to their third loss in four matches.

The visiting Knights were the first to attack the goals after just five minutes, and they were not far away from opening the scoring when an Andrew Barisic shot flew just over the crossbar.

The game settled into a battle of the midfields in the first 20 minutes, before a flurry of chances to Melbourne threatened to yield the game's first goal.

The crowd leapt to life in the 23rd minute when Barisic fell to the turf in the

penalty area, but instead of a spot kick, the Knights midfielder was shown a yellow card for diving.

The best chance of the first half fell to the Knights when Nathan Caldwell went on a sweeping run down the right wing and cut the ball back into the path of the alert Barisic, but his powerful strike sailed centimetres over the bar.

The longer the first half went, the more the Cavaliers settled and looked to take control, and it produced all the play in the final minutes before the half time whistle.

Three minutes from time Richard Cardozo, on debut for the Cavs, found Brandon Vassallo in plenty of space in the penalty area, and his first-time shot was brilliantly saved by Adrian Cagalj.

The Knights' keeper was called into action on two more occasions before the referee blew for the end of an entertaining opening 45 minutes.

Joel Nikolic was replaced by Matthew Sanders for the start of the second half for Green Gully, and almost instantly he found himself through on goal with only the keeper to beat.

But his left foot shot was brilliantly saved by Cagalj and the match remained scoreless.

Green Gully almost snuck the first goal of the game after 60 minutes when Sanders pounced on rebounded shot from Cardozo, but the offside flag was raised as the ball found its way into the back of the net.

The Cavaliers continued to press forward and earned a free kick in the 75th minute, but the shot by Andy Vargas curled high and wide.

The game seemed destined for a draw, but Gully could have snatched all three points when a delicate move involving Cardozo ended with Vassallo, who had his shot superbly saved.

With seconds remaining Melbourne broke the hearts of the home fans when Caldwell laid the ball perfectly in the path of the emerging Kozic, whose perfect strike cut through the defence and past a helpless Cagalj.

**By James Taylor**

Photos by Daniel Flis



**Andrew Marth**  
Coach, Green Gully:

Unavailable for comment

**Josip Biskic**  
Coach, Melbourne Knights:

What can I say! We showed a lot of character after playing without four of my first team regulars (Casey, Milar-dovic, Talevski and Elvin)...It was all down to teamwork from the rest of the squad and we scored a beautiful goal to win the match.

I have to congratulate my players who stood up after losing the last two games and being in their situation we were in this week.

I can't ask for anything more than that.

**Man of the Match**  
**Adrian Cagalj**  
(Knights)

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## EAGLES GIVE KINGSTON A SCARE



VODAFONE NEWCOMERS CLASH WITH CONTRASTING FORTUNES

### Richmond Eagles 1 - 1 Kingston City

League leaders Kingston travelled to Richmond to kick-off the Vodafone Cup's resumption after the Easter break on Friday night. Cold and wet conditions prevailed, though the surface at Kevin Bartlett Reserve remained in excellent condition.

Twelve minutes in Richmond should have taken the lead. Fergal O'Colmain found Semir Sivic out wide, who ran into the corner before crossing. The ball eluded James Robinson at the near post and fell to an unmarked Veton Korcarevski arriving at the back, ten yards from goal but he kicked it into the legs of the scrambling Michael Turnbull. From the resulting corner a header by Simon Webster was cleared off the line alongside the post by Todd Brodie with Graham Hockless picking up the clearance and reaching the touchline in a dangerous run which ended with him unable to pull the ball back beyond the grasp of Turnbull.

Turnbull was being kept busy in the Reds goal, comfortably dealing with a free kick put into a pack of players at the far post. In the other goal Chris Konstas headed straight to Robbie Simioni after a sliced clearance went backwards and fell to him deep into the penalty area.

On the half hour Korcarevski had a goal ruled out for offside in what would have been a very close decision, Hockless having won the ball and fed Robinson who in turn tapped the ball into the path of Korcarevski on the edge of the box. Jimmy Latinopoulos was booked for a tackle on Sivic on the halfway line. Robinson caused more problems for Kingston, dribbling into the corner and knocking in a cross which would be laid back for Josip Rajher to strike over the crossbar from twenty-five yards.

Kingston would prove to be far more clinical in front of goal than the home side.

In the thirty fourth minute Brodie made space out wide on the right to cross into the box, and Michael Curcija opened the scoring with a header beyond Simioni. It was the seventh goal of the season for the Kingston marksman, and served well to deflate the Richmond effort for much of the remainder of the first half. Just before the break they began to get back into it again, O'Colmain playing a ball over the top and out wide to Sivic, who cut in and fired over the goal, leaving Kingston with their 1-0 advantage at the interval.

Kingston began the second half much like the first, soaking up plenty of pressure from the Eagles. Hockless shot wide after two minutes, having been played in by a neat ball from Korcarevski. A minute later Korcarevski turned and spun in a shot at Turnbull from the edge of the area. O'Colmain broke forward, heading a long ball down from himself but unable to pull the trigger before being closed down and earning a corner.

Alex Kiratzoglu responded with a shot for Kingston which Simioni spilled before clearing. Richmond were still piling on the pressure, however, with Korcarevski and Robinson combining to produce a cross which skimmed wide off the head of Sivic. A tangle between Korcarevski and Marcus Stergiopoulos gave Richmond a free kick just outside the area, which Steve Burton



Photos by Darryl Kennedy

Richmonds Webster and Kingston's Spiteri.

struck narrowly wide of the top corner. A headed flick on by Robinson was run onto by Korcarevski, who shot wide. Less than a minute later Korcarevski had a shot saved after latching onto a centred header at their far post by O'Colmain. Hockless shot wide when played in by a quick James Baskerville free-kick.

In the forty-ninth minute Kingston should have killed off the game, Joe Spiteri going on a run and hitting the crossbar with a magnificent twenty-five yard effort. Seven minutes later, it was Richmond dangerman James Robinson who would go on a run, breaking into the box on the right and deftly dinking the ball across Turnbull and into the net to give Richmond more than deserved equaliser.

Four minutes later came the moment Richmond should have taken the lead in, a Daniel Visevic cross causing havoc as it produced a rushed clearance which was deflected past Turnbull and landed in front of Korcarevski, five yards out and with a seemingly open goal. The ball was struck low and straight towards the inside of the post where a sliding effort from Steve Iosifidis managed to hook it away before it crossed the line.

Richmond again looked set to score, when a poor clearance with two minutes left found Korcarevski facing Tolios with unmarked options to either side of him. Tolios produced a hacking tackle which earned him a red card and saw Korcarevski stretched off. Substitute Noel Bahnsen then produced the final opportunity of the game, receiving a throw in and running through two men before finding O'Colmain on the right, who crossed back to Bahnsen at the far post for a volley which went wide across the goal-

Dean Hennessey  
Coach, Richmond Eagles:

I thought we destroyed them and should have won by about four or five. Don't get me wrong, Kingston are obviously a good team with good players in all positions, but on this particular occasion they came up against a better side on the day. We created some great chances and their 'keeper, Turnbull made some world class saves and kept them in it. Having said that, it was just a typical Richmond performance so far this season... we've had the lion's share of possession but were unable to convert that dominance onto the scoreboard. We took on one of the best teams in the competition and in my opinion, outplayed them. All in all, we're back on track...we've picked up a point even though we wanted three against a very good team.

George Kitsakis  
Coach, Kingston City:

I think the week's break definitely had a lot to do with our performance. We were fairly flat and at times we looked very unorganised...we seemed to penetrate well at times but unable to break down their defence. In general terms I said to the players after the game, at least we got a point out of it after playing some ordinary stuff. We'll have to go back to the drawing board during the week and see what we can come up with for our next game against Preston.

Man of the Match  
**Veton Korcarevski**  
(Richmond)

mouth. The final whistle came with the score still 1-1, the top of the table side lucky to escape with a point from their visit to the home of the bottom side.

By Mark Boric



Kingston's Curcija managed to dent the Eagles defence on Friday night.

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## SUN SHINES FOR PINES AS GEORGIES SENT PACKING



YOUNGSTERS SHOW LEWIS THEY'RE MAN MADE FOR THE JOB

### Frankston Pines 3 - 0 Sunshine Georgies

Frankston Pines' 3-0 victory over Sunshine George Cross at Frankston on Saturday spelt the end of an early season slump for the Peninsula side and caused a considerable headache for the struggling Georgies.

Coming off their upset win over Knights, and with an injection of new talent, Pines staved off the visitors with solid defending and plucky opportunism on goal.

Youngster Colin Stewart put Pines in front with a well timed chip over Georgies keeper John Martin in the 19 minute. Tas Psonis' quick switch caught Martin off guard, and off his line, and Stewart punished him for it.

The goal buoyed Pines and Cameron Jones began looking dangerous up front with creative passing and tough challenges on the Georgies defence. Though despite a quick paced remainder, the first half score stayed at 1-0 to Pines.

Just on 62 minutes Stewart struck again from Craig Platt's cutback. The approaching Stewart made no mistake from about 10 meters out.

It was always going to be hard for Georgies to recover from here but they pressed on nonetheless. They certainly weren't spectators as solid performances from Ivan Filipovic and Dusko Delic kept them in it well into the second half.

Isyan Erdogan had an impact when he came on, breathing some life back into the Georgies right half. Sunshine was simply unable to finish despite quality midfield service and passages of good, cohesive football right across the park.

Delic would have scored but for the efforts of Pines captain Cameron Leopold who saved a couple off the line, including this close range shot. In addition, Kieron McIvor helped Pines to their second consecutive clean sheet with quality saves and a generally organised performance in goals.

With time running out the frustration began to show on the face of Tony Neceski, as well as his teammates and coach. The big striker was largely kept in check by Pines' backline comprising David Craig, Ben Cullen and Michael Anderson.

Frankston's Lindrum Tiari snatched the



Photos by Steve Gray

third and final goal in the 86 minute, sealing the match and reconstructing his sides 2006 season fortunes. Tiari was aided by Leopold and former Langwarrin striker, Dimos Sevastiadis, who'd just been subbed.

The win puts Pines within striking distance of the top six and pushes Georgies down to second bottom. It would have undoubtedly been a long ride home to Sunshine as the Georgies pondered missed opportunities and how to get themselves out of the relegation zone.

Pines' real success though is the ongoing performances from youngsters like Stewart and Cullen. Both are successfully making the transition to professional footballers whilst aiding the regeneration process down on the Peninsula.

By Jason Gillick.

#### Craig Lewis Coach, Frankston Pines:

It was a very disciplined and well structured performance. We knew it was a big game for both clubs and Sunshine, to their credit, came here and had a go at us...we set out with a plan to absorb their intentions...we scored three goals obviously and it was a good win. Our tactics and system worked very for us.

#### Charlie Borg President, Sunshine Georgies:

All in all we were very disappointed. We thought we played well below our best...it was very hard to find a best on ground from anyone in our squad. Although we had played two good games in a row leading up to this game, we thought we would be good for the three points...but it wasn't meant to be. We've got to go back to the drawing board as early as Monday to regroup because we've got three hard games coming up.

#### Man of the Match Cam Leopold (Frankston)



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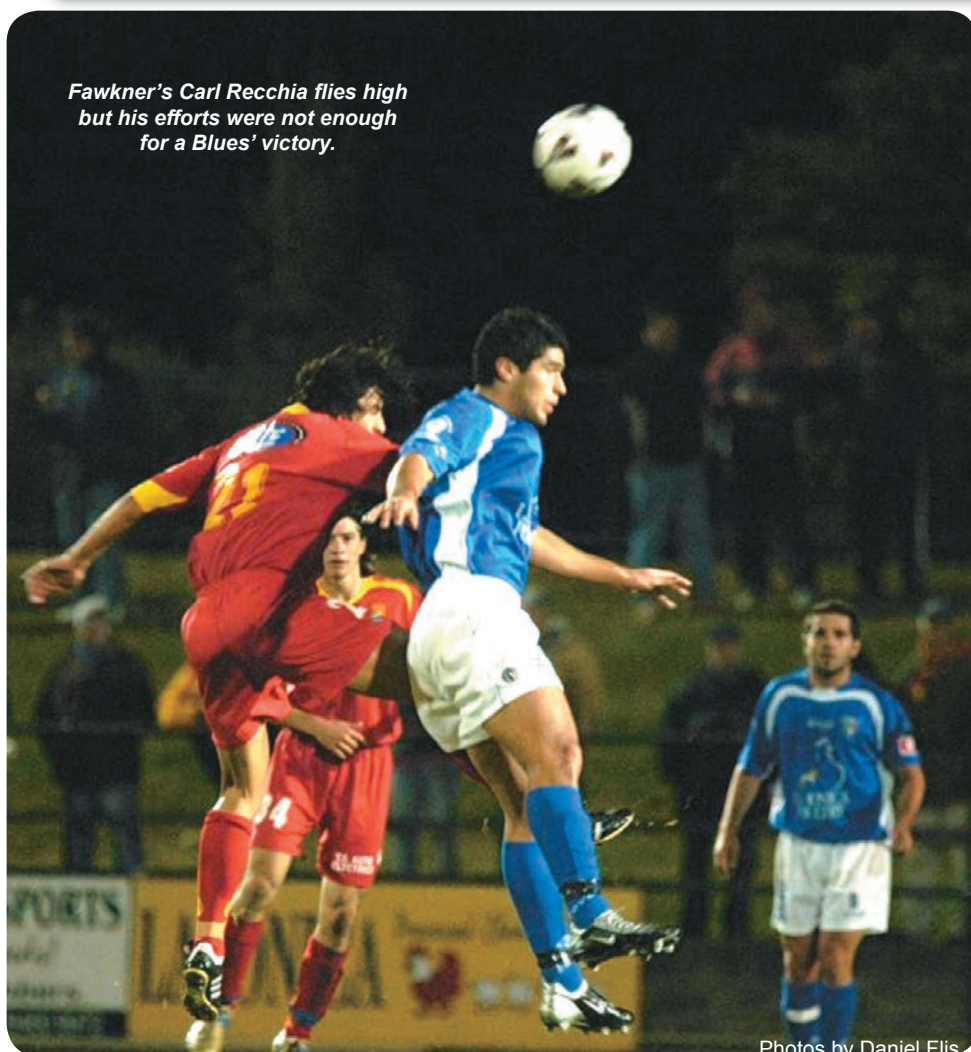


## BLUES AND LIONS TURN ON SEVEN GOAL THRILLER



LIONS BLOW BLUES AWAY WITH LAST GASP WINNER

### Fawkner/Whittlesea 3 - 4 Preston Lions



Fawkner's Carl Recchia flies high but his efforts were not enough for a Blues' victory.

Photos by Daniel Ellis

**Preston Lions grabbed its second win of the season with a pulsating 4-3 win over Fawkner- Whittlesea on what was the coldest night of the season so far.**

Around 1,500 hardy souls braved artic like conditions to witness what was a storming game of football.

It was the home side that took the early advantage with a 21st minute goal from former Melbourne Victory player Carl Recchia, his fifth goal of the season in just his seventh appearance for the Blues.

It was no more than the home side deserved as Recchia show a lot of class to chip the ball over the Lions' keeper, Goce Gruevski, from the edge of the box giving him absolutely no chance.

We had to wait until the 33rd minute before the Lions had their first shot on goal through Jon Majarovski, he brought out an excellent save from the Blues skipper Steven Tilovski between the posts.

After a period of scrappy play in the 40th

minute the home side went further in front when a sloppy piece of defending by Sean Matthews was sized on by Mark Tsiorlas who calmly stroked the ball pass a hapless Gruevski in the Lions' goal.

This second goal for the Blues saw a group of very unhappy Lions supporters march around from one side of the ground to the other to vent their frustration on their committee and management with chants that we could honestly do without at a suburban soccer ground.

Fortunately the goal seemed to fire the Lions into action and in the 44th minute it pulled a goal back through the hard working Yanni Galanos. He got on the end of a cross from Marinos Gasparis to rise and head the ball into the far corner, giving his side some hope going into the second half just a goal down.

The Lions continued their comeback when they drew level with a goal from Blaze Georgioski who was playing just his third game for the Lions. He caught

the Blues defence knapping when they tried to play the offside trap, but Georgioski held his nerve and slotted the ball passed the Blues keeper Tilovski. Whilst we were watching this great game of football on the field off the field the Lions fans ignited a couple of flares so the referee, Phil Taverna, just called a halt to proceedings for a few minutes whilst the smoke cleared from across the ground. When play restarted Fawkner went in front 3-2 with a goal from Queensland bound Sasha Ognenovski. Once again in this match the Preston Lions found themselves chasing the game after making such a great effort to draw level. With the clock ticking towards full-time we then witnessed a contender for "Goal of the Season" from Georgoski. An absolute stunning shot from at least 25 yards out gave Blues' keeper Tilovski no chance what so ever, making the scores 3-3.

With little time left on the clock Preston were still not finished yet.

As the home side pushed more and more men forward the Lions counter attacked and in the 89th minute Anthony Mag-nacca ran on to a defence splitting pass to score what was ultimately the winning goal for the night in a highly entertaining game.

By Paul Jefferies.

**Man of the Match  
Marinos Gasparis  
(Lions)**

**Tony Ciancer  
Asst Coach, Fawkner:**

For the crowd it was probably one of the games of the year...but for the club and coaches it was sheer frustration. We dominated the first forty-five minutes and were deservedly 2-0 up...we had one lapse of concentration just before the break and let Preston back into the match with a cheap goal. In the second half we were very disappointing...we just seemed to have lost our way. Basically, we handed Preston their second win of the season...the referee, Phil Taverna, had a great game and our lack of heart and discipline only leaves ourselves to blame. We're the greatest team going forward...but absolutely shocking when the other team is on the attack.

**Goran Lozanovski  
Coach, Preston Lions:**

After the first twenty minutes I started thinking 'Here we go again'...I think the most disappointing part of it all was us giving them easy opportunities to score soft goals...I wasn't pleased about it...I think the important thing about Friday's game was when we scored just before half-time...it gave the boys some encouragement and kept us in the game. We tried to eliminate some of our mistakes and change our approach to the game...and we actually played a better game in the second half.

It was only a matter of time before we won a game...we've just got to try and make a habit of it now.



Blues' keeper Tilovski is down for the count as Preston hits the back of the net.

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# CANNONS AWAIT UNDERDOG SOUTH



**BIG CROWD EXPECTED TONIGHT AT JACK EDWARDS RESERVE**

## Oakleigh Cannons vs South Melbourne



Photo by Daniel Flis

**Monday Night Football returns to Jack Edwards Reserve this week as league leaders, Oakleigh Cannons play host to lakeside based South Melbourne in the match of the round.**

Following a Round 4 triumph over Preston, where South earned victory through an injury time strike from unlikely hero Gianni De Nittis, the former four time national champions have embarked on a run of poor form, whereby they were held to a one all draw against the underrated Essendon Royals, before Sunshine accounted for the side in the first game in charge for former South Under 21 coach Joe Montemurro.

A second successive defeat, this time at the

hands of Altona, saw the alarm bells ringing at Bob Jane Stadium as the club took the initiative and signed the former Frankston Pines trio of Andreas Oliveira, Antonio Naglieri and Dino Djulevic. The former Perth SC players made their debuts in Round 9, where the side returned to their winning ways, as they defeated Richmond thanks to a late 83rd minute goal from the reliable Scott MacNicol.

With Trinidadian import Kevin Nelson struggling to find consistency and the back of the net, South boss John Anastasiadis would be hoping that with a game in the South colours under his belt, Oliveira will be able to reproduce the form that saw him score three times in five matches for the Pines.

In stark contrast to South's fortunes, the Oakleigh Cannons have lived up to the expectations of football pundits, with the star-studded side having remained unbeaten this season, with its most recent win being a 3-0 whitewash of the lowly Preston Lions in Easter Monday's round five catch-up fixture.

The Cannons have proved to be the superpower of the competition with the side having already recorded victories over league heavyweights Heidelberg, reigning premiers Green Gully and former competition leaders Altona, who were the only other unbeaten side before round nine.

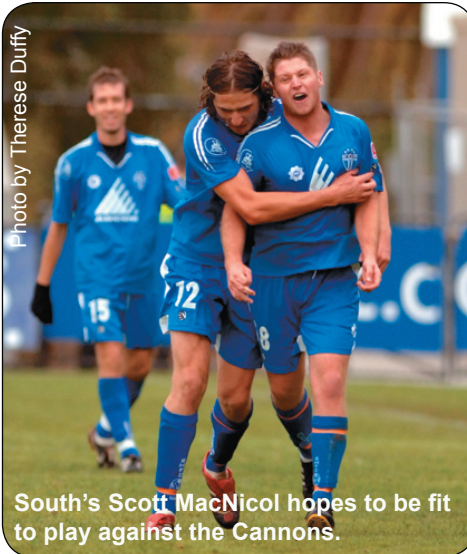
Oakleigh have a plethora of talent to call upon, following a brilliant pre-season recruiting campaign, and this has forced Cannons boss Stuart Munro to relegate the likes of Chilean Juan Nilo to the bench in recent weeks.

The signing of the prodigal son and nomad of Victorian football Con Boutsianis, who was picked up in order to cover the loss of Cameron Pino, has proved to be an inspired decision as the former Socceroo scored an injury time winner against Altona, whilst he was instrumental off the bench in last Monday's win over Preston.

Last season, the teams split the results one apiece with South prevailing in the first encounter before Oakleigh returned fire later in the season with a one nil win of their own.

With the Cannons in irresistible form and South currently trying to arrest a recent run of poor form, bar last week's cut throat win, it is hard to look past Oakleigh for victory although South possess the talent to cause an upset.

By Simon Chiarelli



South's Scott MacNicol hopes to be fit to play against the Cannons.

**Stuart Munro**  
Coach, Oakleigh Cannons:

Obviously it's shaping up to be an exciting game and hopefully a good crowd turns out to witness the encounter. We're playing with a lot of confidence at the moment and as I said at the beginning of the season, I feel South Melbourne will be one of our biggest challenges this year. They've not really hit their straps as yet, but it's only a matter of time before they do...so it promises to be a very difficult game for us. From our point of view I'm just really concerned about my players...hopefully we can maintain our concentration and obtain a little bit more consistency in our play.

**John Anastasiadis**  
Coach, South Melbourne:

No doubt we're the underdogs against the pacesetters of the league. Although we're coming off a very difficult and satisfying win against Richmond our recent form has admittedly been a bit inconsistent. Hopefully we can get it right in this big derby game and it will be interesting to see how it goes. We're certainly looking forward to it.

### MONDAY MATCH STATS

Recent form HOME	Oakleigh W-D-D-W	South W-W-W-W
Recent form AWAY	W-W-D-W	L-L-D-L
Next info is based on last 50 matches		
	OC	SM
Home win	47%	66%
Home draw	35%	16%
Home lost	18%	18%
Home goals	1.76 (pm)	1.78 (pm)
Away win	50%	32%
Away draw	22%	24%
Away lost	28%	44%
Away goals	2.06 (pm)	1.1 (pm)

Oakleigh - South Melbourne - PAST MATCHES:  
07-08-2005 VPL South Melbourne Oakleigh 0 - 1  
04-03-2005 VPI Oakleigh South Melbourne 0 - 1

## MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

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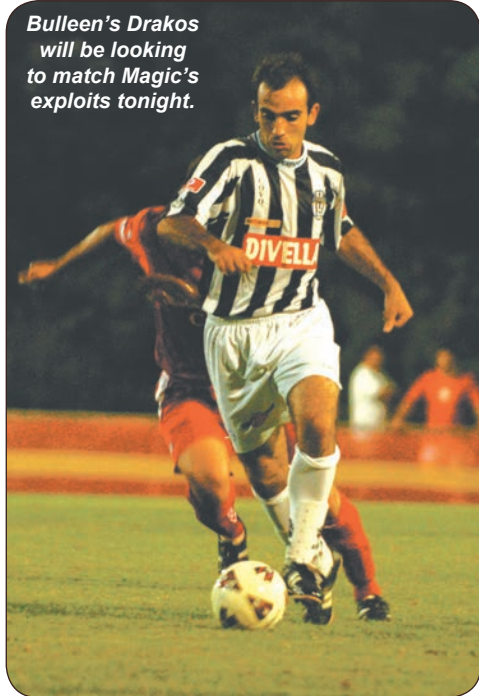


## UNDERMANNED ZEBRAS TAKE ON HIGH-FLYING MAGIC



2004 GRAND FINAL REPLAY AT VENETO CLUB

### Bulleen Zebras vs Altona Magic



Bulleen's Drakos will be looking to match Magic's exploits tonight.

Tonight's Round 10 fixture at Veneto Club sees the resurgent Bulleen Zebras host second placed Altona Magic in a match that is sure to heat up a cold Melbourne night.

The visitors will be still smarting after succumbing to Oakleigh in injury time two weeks ago, registering their first defeat of the season. Meanwhile the Zebras have run into a purple patch of late, with three consecutive wins followed by a goalless draw at the Georgies in Round 9.

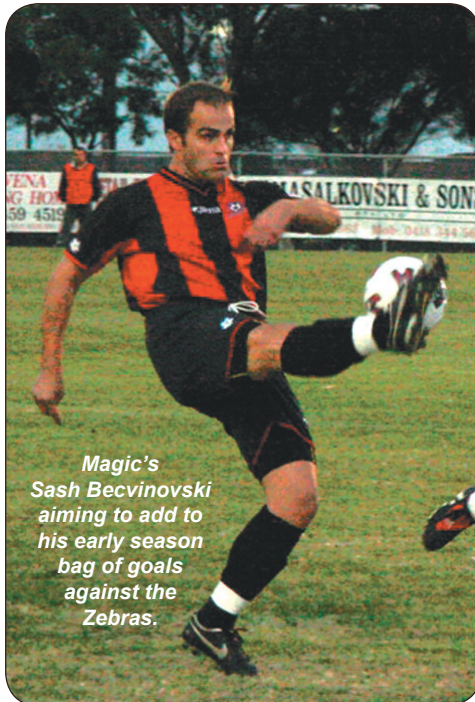
The impressive Zebras' run will give coach Michael Michalakopoulos' men

the required confidence to take on second placed Magic. Apart from exhibiting vibrant attacking flair, Bulleen showed that it has the defensive nous to frustrate the opposition, something they did quite effectively against the Georgies two weeks ago at Chaplin Reserve. Michalakopoulos is well aware that all teams are susceptible to off days and was not too disappointed after the Georgies game. His team was able to ground out a dour result on an off day. Most importantly, his defence did not concede whilst under the pump.

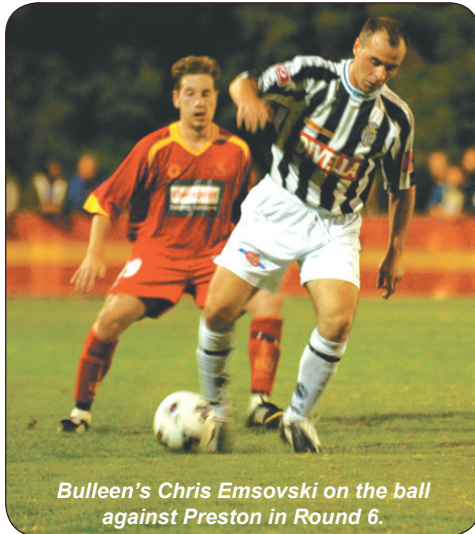
On the other hand the Magic has been the surprise packet of the season, sitting comfortably in second place and aside from losing to the undefeated Cannons, the bayside boys are enjoying a fine campaign so far. So much so that Altona is a serious title contender due largely to coach Ken Murphy's astute signings over the off season. Murphy has gone a long way in rejuvenating a tired looking squad in season 2005. The Razov brothers have given Altona added width and penetration on the flanks, whilst Igor Arsovski and Daniel Vasilevski's technical ability have added creative flair to the Magic's midfield.

After tonight's clash it will be clearer to assess the Zebras' claim on a top six position, and also if Altona has the required metal to bounce back after its first loss of the season.

By Bruno Zovko



Magic's Sash Becvinovski aiming to add to his early season bag of goals against the Zebras.



Bulleen's Chris Emsovski on the ball against Preston in Round 6.

Michael Michalakopoulos  
Coach, Bulleen Zebras:

We're looking forward to the challenge of playing against one of the teams that are lying in the top three of the Vodafone Cup. Ken Murphy's sides are always well prepared and the Magic have got off to a really good start this season...they're looking quite dangerous and have done quite well. We're probably going into this match as underdogs considering we're carrying a few injuries...but training has been pretty good with the rest of the squad and hopefully we'll be there challenging and get a good result.

Ken Murphy  
Coach, Altona Magic:

Obviously we've had the last weekend off, so I've now got the full squad available for selection. We very wary of Bulleen...they've been blowing a bit hot and cold this year and they've got a very strong squad on paper, even though they haven't always managed the most desirable of results as yet. We'll be going there hard at it and we're definitely pencilling in this particular game as a win.

#### MONDAY MATCH STATS

	Bulleen	Altona
Recent form HOME	W-W-L-D-L	W-W-W
Recent form AWAY	D-W-L-L	D-D-W-W
Next info is based on last 50 matches		
	BZ	AM
Home win	41%	47%
Home draw	35%	26%
Home lost	24%	26%
Home goals	1.18 (pm)	1.68 (pm)
Away win	17%	38%
Away draw	33%	50%
Away lost	50%	13%
Away goals	0.61 (pm)	1.5 (pm)

Bulleen - Altona - PAST MATCHES:  
09-07-2005 VPL Altona Bulleen 1 - 2  
04-04-2005 VPL Bulleen Altona 2 - 2

pm= Per match

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ALTONA MAGIC

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## BERGERS AND ROYALS SET FOR VILLAGE SHOWDOWN



BOTH TEAMS SEEK TO CONTINUE WINNING STREAKS

### Heidelberg Utd vs Essendon Royals

Action from the last time these sides met.



Tonight's Round 10 encounter at Olympic Village between Heidelberg Utd and the Essendon Royals will be crucial for both teams, as both the Bergers and the Royals are desperate to keep up the positive momentum they have created in recent weeks.

The Royals' were tipped by many as relegation candidates early on, but the signings of keeper Marco Sutalo, Henry Fa'Arodo, and Steve Fitzimmons during of the course of the season has acutely brushed of any thoughts of relegation in recent weeks down at Essendon. The inclusion of the trio on the Royals list has significantly

strengthened coach Luciano Trani's playing roster. Also Michael Catalano's rise in form has been another positive sign for the Royals' as they try to cement a place in the top half of the table.

Heidelberg has re-surfaced in the past month as another genuine title contender, brushing off its early poor season form with disdain in recent weeks. Full credit to the Bergers' resurgence must go to coach Phil Stubbins, who calmly guided the Bergers' out of their early slump. On paper the Bergers' have a weakened squad from last year, but their form of late doesn't suggest so. Heidelberg has the ability to punish teams from all areas of the park and boasts one of the most potent midfields in the competition. It has a creative edge over the Royals, but Fa'Arodo is rapidly asserting himself as the leagues greatest menace, terrorizing defenses at will.

Both teams have come off the blocks slowly and are only now beginning to flex their muscles in the last month. Essendon have won their past two games, and Trani's men will be brimming with confidence to take on the Bergers. However, the Bergers have too many match winners across the park, and should take all three points at home, keeping the Royals out of the top half of the table.

My tip, Bergers' 2-1.

By Bruno Zovko



Royals will hope Henry Fa'Arodo will play a major role in undoing the 'Bergers tonight.



Heidelberg's Nick Marinos shows some sportsmanship against the Royals last year.

Phil Stubbins  
Coach, Heidelberg Utd:

We've obviously had a decent run of late and I don't think anyone should be fooled by Essendon's presence in this league. They've certainly got the capability to put a strong team out there on the park...they're slowly sneaking up the ladder and looking a solid outfit. Nothing less than a 100% committed effort from ourselves will actually be enough to get us over the line against them.

Luciano Trani  
Coach, Essendon Royals:

We're looking forward to it...we really haven't beaten a side in the top four or five this season yet... it will be a challenge for us to be competitive. We want to bring our good form of late into this game and against a quality side... we want to set ourselves in the right frame of mind and hopefully come up with a positive result.

#### MONDAY MATCH STATS

Recent form HOME	Heidelberg W-L-W-L	Essendon W-L-D-W
Recent form AWAY	D-W-W-D	W-D-L-D
Next info is based on last 50 matches		
	HU	ER
Home win	53%	50%
Home draw	24%	28%
Home lost	24%	22%
Home goals	1.76 (pm)	1.44 (pm)
Away win	44%	24%
Away draw	33%	29%
Away lost	22%	47%
Away goals	1.61 (pm)	1.06 (pm)

Heidelberg U - Essendon - PAST MATCHES:  
25-07-2005 VPL Essendon Heidelberg U 1 - 1  
17-04-2005 VPL Heidelberg U Essendon 2 - 1

pm= Per match

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V  
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Westvale 2 (J Tzimopoulos, H Timotheou) Altona City 3 (D Benac, J Little 2) (HT: 0-2), Keilor Park 1 (M Xerri) Westgate 4 (D Glogovac, A Jovicic, D Murdaca, J De Bono) (HT: 1-1), Lalor United 0 Williamstown 1 (B Pajic) (HT: 0-0), Thomastown Devils 0 Maribymong Greens 0 (HT: 0-0), Moreland City 0 Yarraville Glory 0 (HT: 0-0), Pascoe Vale 4 (M Maljanek, V Muratbegovic, T Gavran 2) Banyule City 0 (HT: 1-0)								Westvale 0 Altona City 2, Keilor Park 3 Westgate 1, Lalor United 3 Williamstown 2, Thomastown Devils 0 Maribymong Greens 2, Moreland City 3 Yarraville Glory 0, Pascoe Vale 3 Banyule City 1							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P		P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Westgate FC	3	3	0	0	9	3	9	Keilor Park SC	3	3	0	0	10	2	9
Pascoe Vale SC	3	2	1	0	6	1	7	Moreland City SC	3	3	0	0	6	0	9
Lalor United SC	3	2	0	1	5	1	6	Maribymong Greens SC	3	2	0	1	5	4	6
Williamstown SC	3	2	0	1	4	1	6	Thomastown Devils SC	3	1	1	1	4	3	4
Altona City SC	3	2	0	1	5	4	6	Westgate FC	3	1	1	1	5	5	4
Keilor Park SC	3	2	0	1	6	6	6	Altona City SC	3	1	1	1	2	2	4
Thomastown Devils SC	3	0	3	0	2	2	3	Westvale SC	3	1	1	1	4	5	4
Banyule City SC	3	1	0	2	5	7	3	Lalor United SC	3	1	1	1	4	6	4
Yarraville Glory FC	3	0	2	1	1	4	2	Pascoe Vale SC	3	1	0	2	3	5	3
Maribymong Greens SC	3	0	1	2	2	6	1	Yarraville Glory FC	3	0	2	1	2	5	2
Moreland City SC	3	0	1	2	1	5	1	Banyule City SC	3	0	1	2	1	5	1
Westvale SC	3	0	0	3	4	10	0	Williamstown SC	3	0	0	3	4	8	0

Seniors NORTH WEST3 Reserves

La Trobe University 3 (A De Luca, L Lidestri, P Devvono) Geelong 2 (S Markovski, R Georgieski) (HT: 2-1), Werribee City 2 (M Collins 2) Corio 0 (HT: 2-0), Ballarat Soccer Club 1 (N Karametis) Western Eagles 0 (HT: 0-0), Sydenham Park 1 (I Filiposki) Lalor 0 (HT: 0-0), North Sunshine Eagles 1 (C Macedo) Albion Rovers 4 (S Sozer, E Koc, E Osman, O Fehmi) (HT: 0-1), Geelong Rangers 0 Sunbury United 1 (V Ierardo) (HT: 0-1)							La Trobe University 3 Geelong 1, Werribee City 1 Corio 2, Ballarat Soccer Club 2 Western Eagles 1, Sydenham Park 0 Lalor 0, North Sunshine Eagles 0 Albion Rovers 1, Geelong Rangers 3 Sunbury United 0								
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P		P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Werribee City SC	3	3	0	0	10	0	9	Geelong Rangers SC	3	3	0	0	6	0	9
Sunbury United SC	3	3	0	0	7	1	9	Lalor SC	3	2	1	0	6	0	7
Sydenham Park SC	3	2	1	0	8	6	7	La Trobe University SC	3	2	0	1	7	4	6
Ballarat Soccer Club	3	2	1	0	3	1	7	Albion Rovers SC	3	2	0	1	5	4	6
La Trobe University SC	3	2	0	1	9	7	6	Ballarat Soccer Club	3	2	0	1	5	4	6
Albion Rovers SC	3	1	1	1	8	6	4	Sunbury United SC	3	2	0	1	3	3	6
Geelong Rangers SC	3	1	0	2	7	5	3	Corio SC	3	1	1	1	5	6	4
Western Eagles SC	3	1	0	2	3	5	3	Werribee City SC	3	1	0	2	4	6	3
Corio SC	3	1	0	2	3	6	3	Western Eagles SC	3	1	0	2	4	6	3
Lalor SC	3	0	1	2	1	8	1	Geelong SC	3	0	1	2	3	7	1
Geelong SC	3	0	0	3	2	7	0	Sydenham Park SC	3	0	1	2	1	5	1
North Sunshine Eagles SC	3	0	0	3	3	12	0	North Sunshine Eagles SC	3	0	0	3	0	4	0

Seniors PROVI 1 NORTH WEST Reserves

Laverton Park 4 (P Sandoval, J Sobarzo, J Marambio, R Lopez) Brimbank 1 (R Mauna) (HT: 2-0), Avondale Heights 2 (A Angerami, E Inglesi) Melbourne University Rangers 2 (N Aberle, T Duffin) (HT: 0-0), Elwood City 6 (C Santos, D Guest, T Harry, M Leary, R Grant 2) Mill Park 0 (HT: 2-0), Hume United 3 (D Robertson 3) Hoppers Crossing 2 (J Sweeney, Z Pasoski) (HT: 2-1), Darebin United 1 (A Panagiotou) Melbourne City 1 (G Bracciale) (HT: 1-0), Glenroy 2 (J Markovac 2) Plenty Valley Lions 2 (J Malliaras 2) (HT: 1-1)							Laverton Park 2 Brimbank 1, Avondale Heights 2 Melbourne University Rangers 1, Elwood City 4 Mill Park 2, Hume United 6 Hoppers Crossing 0, Darebin United 3 Melbourne City 3, Glenroy 1 Plenty Valley Lions 3						
	P	W	D	L	F	A P T		P	W	D	L	F	A P T
Hume United SC	3	2	1	0	10	4 7	Hume United SC	3	3	0	0	12	2 9
Laverton Park SC	3	2	1	0	9	4 7	Plenty Valley Lions FC	3	2	1	0	14	4 7
Elwood City SC	3	2	0	1	10	4 6	Elwood City SC	3	2	0	1	9	3 6
Avondale Heights SC	3	1	2	0	10	3 5	Avondale Heights SC	3	2	0	1	9	7 6
Melbourne University	3	1	2	0	6	3 5	Hoppers Crossing SC	3	2	0	1	7	8 6
Darebin United SC	3	1	2	0	2	1 5	Laverton Park SC	3	2	0	1	4	6 6
Hoppers Crossing SC	3	1	1	1	6	4 4	Melbourne University SC	3	1	1	1	7	4 4
Plenty Valley Lions FC	3	1	1	1	3	3 4	Glenroy SC	3	1	0	2	5	7 3
Glenroy SC	3	0	3	0	4	4 3	Brimbank SC	3	0	2	1	5	6 2
Melbourne City SC	3	0	1	2	2	10 1	Melbourne City SC	3	0	1	2	3	11 1
Brimbank SC	3	0	0	3	1	8 0	Darebin United SC	3	0	1	2	5	14 1
Mill Park SC	3	0	0	3	2	17 0	Mill Park SC	3	0	0	3	3	11 0

Seniors PROVI 2 NORTH WEST Reserves

Northern United 0 Whittlesea United 4 (M Mifsud 2, S Mirik, C Aydin) (HT: 0-2), Collingwood City 1 (D Tamiyu) Uni. Of Melbourne Blues 1 (B Mitchell) (HT: 1-0), Melbourne Tornado 0 Broadmeadows United 2 (A Eraslan, E Durmus) (HT: 0-0), South Yarra 1 (C Barry) West Preston 0 (HT: 1-0), Northern Falcons 1 (A Ferrante) Moreland United 2 (B Lacic, A Babo) (HT: 0-1), Brimbank City 1 North City Lions 1 (M Gouder) (HT: 0-0)							Northern United 1 Whittlesea United 4, Collingwood City 2 Uni. Of Melbourne Blues 2, Melbourne Tornado 0 Broadmeadows United 1, South Yarra 2 West Preston 2, Northern Falcons 1 Moreland United 0, Brimbank City 2 North City Lions 4								
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P		P	W	D	L	F	A	P
North City Lions SC	3	2	1	0	8	3	7	North City Lions SC	3	3	0	0	11	3	9
Moreland United SC	3	2	1	0	4	2	7	Uni. Of Melbourne Blues	3	2	1	0	13	3	7
South Yarra SC	3	1	2	0	1	0	5	South Yarra SC	3	2	1	0	8	3	7
Whittlesea United SC	3	1	1	1	5	3	4	Broadmeadows United	3	2	1	0	5	2	7
Northern United SC	3	1	1	1	4	4	4	Northern Falcons SC	3	2	0	1	5	6	5
West Preston SC	3	1	1	1	2	2	4	Collingwood City SC	3	1	2	0	6	5	5
Broadmeadows United SC	3	1	1	1	2	4	4	West Preston SC	3	1	1	1	7	5	4
Collingwood City SC	3	0	3	0	1	1	3	Whittlesea United SC	3	1	0	2	5	12	3
Uni. Of Melbourne Blues	3	0	3	0	1	1	3	Melbourne Tornado SC	3	0	1	2	1	5	1
Northern Falcons SC	3	1	0	2	6	9	3	Moreland United SC	3	0	1	2	1	5	1
Brimbank City SC	3	0	2	1	4	5	2	Brimbank City SC	3	0	0	3	4	11	0
Melbourne Tornado SC	3	0	0	3	2	6	0	Northern United SC	3	0	0	3	3	10	0

Seniors PROVI 3 NORTH WEST Reserves

Bell Park 1 (L Mercer) Moreland Wolves 0 (HT: 1-0), Light United 3 (E Yildirim, S Gicsek) Ascot Vale 1 (A Santos) (HT: 1-1), Melton 4 (J Turnaturi 2, S Paddon, S Mamo) Hallam 0 (HT: 3-0), Epping City 0 Youth United 8 (M Kul, D Kaya, S Eren 3, A Yazici, M Kele 2) (HT: 0-6), Watsonia Heights 1 (P Nicolaou) Keon Park 3 (C Tsandefskis, W Ammouche, K Samuel) (HT: 0-1), Reservoir United 1 (S Patti) Meadow Park 3 (D Cannizzaro 3) (HT: 0-3)								Bell Park 1 Moreland Wolves 3, Light United 2 Ascot Vale 1, Melton 3 Hallam 1, Epping City 1 Youth United 2, Watsonia Heights 1 Keon Park 0, Reservoir United 1 Meadow Park 0							
P W D L F A P T								P W D L F A P T							
Keon Park SC 3 3 0 0 8 2 9								Reservoir United SC 3 3 0 0 4 1 9							
Youth United SC 3 2 0 1 12 3 6								Light United FC 3 2 1 0 9 7 7							
Bell Park SC 3 2 0 1 8 2 6								Youth United SC 3 2 1 0 7 5 7							
Melton SC 3 2 0 1 7 3 6								Melton SC 3 2 0 1 9 4 6							
Light United FC 3 2 0 1 5 4 6								Moreland Wolves 3 2 0 1 10 9 6							
Meadow Park SC 3 1 2 0 5 3 5								Watsonia Heights SC 3 2 0 1 7 6 6							
Moreland Wolves 3 1 1 1 7 5 4								Bell Park SC 3 1 1 1 6 5 4							
Reservoir United SC 3 1 0 2 6 5 3								Meadow Park SC 3 1 0 2 8 8 3							
Ascot Vale SC 3 1 0 2 6 10 3								Ascot Vale SC 3 1 0 2 8 10 1							
Epping City SC 3 1 0 2 2 12 3								Epping City SC 3 0 1 2 3 5 1							
Watsonia Heights SC 3 0 1 2 2 8 1								Keon Park SC 3 0 1 2 1 6 1							
Hallam SC 3 0 0 3 0 11 0								Hallam SC 3 0 0 3 5 11 0							

Seniors SOUTH EAST 2 Reserves

Eastern Lions SC 0 Knox City 4 (C Durand, M Durand 3) (HT: 0-2), South Springvale 1 (E Voursoukis) Doncaster Rovers 1 (G McAleer) (HT: 1-0), Chelsea 1 (P Presti) Waverley Wanderers 1 (A Strapelias) (HT: 0-1), Diamond Valley United 1 (S Murat) Stonnington City 0 (HT: 1-0), Southern Stars 0 Cranbourne Comets 2 (F Korkaric 2) (HT: 0-1), Clifton Hill United 3 (A Toutzaris, Z Romanovski 2) Clayton 1 (M Varvaras) (HT: 2-0)							Eastern Lions SC 0 Knox City 2, South Springvale 3 Doncaster Rovers 2, Chelsea 4 Waverley Wanderers 2, Diamond Valley United 0 Stonnington City 1, Southern Stars 0 Cranbourne Comets 1, Clifton Hill United 0 Clayton 2								
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P		P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Waverley Wanderers SC	3	2	1	0	4	1	7	Stonnington City SC	3	3	0	0	7	3	9
South Springvale SC	3	2	1	0	4	2	7	South Springvale SC	3	2	1	0	8	5	7
Chelsea SC	3	2	1	0	4	2	7	Knox City SC	3	2	1	0	7	4	7
Knox City SC	3	2	0	1	5	1	6	Chelsea SC	3	2	0	1	8	6	6
Cranbourne Comets SC	3	2	0	1	4	2	6	Clayton SC	3	2	0	1	7	5	6
Southern Stars FC	3	2	0	1	4	2	6	Diamond Valley United SC	3	1	1	1	5	4	4
Diamond Valley United SC	3	1	1	1	4	4	4	Cranbourne Comets SC	3	1	1	1	5	5	4
Clifton Hill United SC	3	1	1	1	5	6	4	Doncaster Rovers SC	3	1	0	2	7	6	3
Doncaster Rovers SC	3	1	1	1	2	3	4	Eastern Lions SC	3	1	0	2	5	5	3
Stonnington City SC	3	0	0	3	1	4	0	Clifton Hill United SC	3	1	0	2	3	5	3
Clayton SC	3	0	0	3	1	5	0	Southern Stars FC	3	0	0	3	4	8	0
Eastern Lions SC	3	0	0	3	1	7	0	Waverley Wanderers SC	3	0	0	3	3	13	0

Seniors SOUTH EAST 3 Reserves

Berwick City 0 Heatherton United 1 (J Pekmezovic) (HT: 0-0), Monbulk 2 (J Rand, N Van Egmond) Nunawading City 0 (HT: 1-0), Mooroolbark 1 (Y Christoforou) Morwell Pegasus 1 (D Cairns) (HT: 0-0), Endeavour United 2 (M Kirmaci, C Retre) Fitzroy City 1 (N Veljovic) (HT: 0-1), Templestowe Eagles 4 (N Alexopoulos, D Marino, D Cardinale, A Triandos) Frankston Strikers 1 (T Balogh) (HT: 0-0), North Caulfield 1 (S Braude) Sandringham City 1 (C Aldunate) (HT: 0-0)							Eastern Lions SC 0 Knox City 2, South Springvale 3 Doncaster Rovers 2, Chelsea 4 Waverley Wanderers 2, Diamond Valley United 0 Stonnington City 1, Southern Stars 0 Cranbourne Comets 1, Clifton Hill United 0 Clayton 2								
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P		P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Heatherton United SC	3	3	0	0	9	2	9	North Caulfield SC	3	3	0	0	12	1	9
Sandringham City SC	3	2	1	0	7	4	7	Mooroolbark SC	3	3	0	0	13	3	9
Templestowe Eagles SC	3	2	0	1	7	4	6	Templestowe Eagles SC	3	2	0	1	7	2	6
Endeavour United SC	3	2	0	1	6	5	6	Endeavour United SC	3	2	0	1	9	6	6
Fitzroy City SC	3	1	1	1	8	6	4	Heatherton United SC	3	2	0	1	4	2	6
Berwick City SC	3	1	1	1	6	4	4	Morwell Pegasus SC	3	1	1	1	8	7	4
North Caulfield SC	3	1	1	1	3	2	4	Nunawading City SC	3	1	1	1	4	6	4
Monbulk SC	3	1	1	1	6	7	4	Berwick City SC	3	1	0	2	6	5	3
Mooroolbark SC	3	0	2	1	5	7	2	Fitzroy City SC	3	1	0	2	5	12	3
Morwell Pegasus SC	3	0	2	1	4	7	2	Monbulk SC	3	0	2	1	5	8	2
Nunawading City SC	3	0	1	2	3	8	1	Sandringham City SC	3	0	0	3	5	12	0
Frankston Strikers SC	3	0	0	3	2	10	0	Frankston Strikers SC	3	0	0	3	1	15	0





STATE LEAGUE ONE Round 3



LANGY & WARRIORS SHARE SIX GOALS O’ DELL BACK IN THE HOT SEAT AT NORTHCOTE

The match of the round lived up to its top billing when ladder leaders North Geelong Warriors and third placed Langwarrin played out a thrilling 3-3 draw where five goals were scored in the second half. Goals to Benjamin Caffrey and Adam Poole earned Langwarrin a share of the spoils.

Bentleigh Greens were unable to take advantage of North Geelong’s misfortune as they, too, had to settle for a draw against Port Melbourne Sharks when a late Craig Murphy strike salvaged a 1-1 result for the visitors.

Northcote City recorded their first win of the season after they held on for a 2-1 win against North Coburg United. The Saturday afternoon action was rounded out when Western Suburbs and Springvale White Eagles both notched their second wins of the season when they accounted for Dandenong Thunder and Altona East Phoenix respectively.

At North Geelong’s Elcho Park, the Warrior’s and Langwarrin kept their unbeaten records intact, but it was the visitors who had to do it the hard way when they recovered from a 3-1 deficit to have parity restored by games end. Langwarrin went into halftime one nil up after a Caleb Nicholes goal silenced the home crowd on the half hour mark.

However, it wouldn’t take long belong the home team found an equaliser in the second half. Seven minutes in, a cross by Tony Saric into the penalty area met by a fast running David Cervinski, whose powerful left foot strike found the back of the net despite the Langwarrin keeper getting a piece of glove on the ball.

But North Geelong’s attack didn’t end there; goals to Adrian Cervinski and Saric saw the home side take control and with a two-goal cushion 20 minutes into the second stanza, the game was seemingly in the Warrior’s grasp.

“First half we were pretty disappointing, we probably didn’t run as hard as what we normally can and what we could,” said North Geelong coach Robert Krajacic.

“(It was) certainly a different game against Northcote (a fortnight ago), we knew Langwarrin would be physical and take the game right up to us. I don’t think we were intimidated but we just didn’t seem to go on with that part of our game in terms of the running and the passing and the ball movement.”

However, there was more drama to come when Langwarrin substitute Caffrey kept the contest alive when he pegged a goal back for the visitors and ten minutes from time Poole leveled the match when his long ranged effort was dispatched into the top corner of the North Geelong net.

“It was good for us to come back from 3-1 (down), it showed a lot of character but North Geelong are a very, very good side,” said Langwarrin coach Gus Macleod.

“I thought we did very well in the first half but we went to sleep for about ten to 15 minutes (in the second half) and North Geelong punished us and went 3-1 up. But all credit to the boys in the last ten minutes.”

Port Melbourne belied their lowly position on the ladder when they left Bentleigh’s Kingston Heath Soccer Complex with a point.

The visitors scored the equaliser with ten minutes remaining when a free kick was whipped into the box and Murphy rose amongst a group of players to head the ball into the back of the net.

Yet to receive a point from the opening two matches, Port Melbourne were again left to rue missed opportunities in their attacking third of the field when Bentleigh broke the deadlock twenty minutes into the second half through a fortuitous Ozan Kara free kick when the ball took a wicked bounce in front of the Port keeper.



Port Melbourne’s endeavour was about to go to waste once more as they were yet again forced to chase a match. But Murphy’s goal produced a deserved point for the luckless Sharks.

“We probably dominated the game for longer periods than Bentleigh,” said Port Melbourne coach James Kalambokis.

“I’m just disappointed, I mean, the way that I see it, I’m disappointed that (we) perhaps dropped two points today at Bentleigh. I mean, Bentleigh are a quality side, they did reasonably well (but) I thought we had, at the end of the day, we probably had eight or nine corner kicks and five or six free kicks around the penalty box, which we didn’t capitalise on. At the end of the day we’ve played three games but we’ve only got one point but it could quite easily be the other way.”

At John Cain Reserve, Northcote’s embarrassing performance a fortnight ago against North Geelong became a distant memory when they rebounded strongly against North Coburg to give new coach Andy O’Dell a winning start in his first game in charge.

In a hard fought encounter, North Coburg were unlucky not to take the lead in the opening exchanges with a Mustafa Mustafa long range free kick slamming into the crossbar and a Hass Saglam header getting cleared off the goal line.

The home side eventually steadied as the contest ad-

vanced and they forged ahead on the stroke of half time when Theo Papoutsis calmly slotted from close range after a flick on from captain George Papadopoulos from a Peter Tsolakis corner, a lead they would take into half time.

Northcote doubled their advantage seven minutes from the restart when confusion among the North Coburg defence created an opening for John Theofilopoulos to slot into a vacant net.

Any hope of a North Coburg revival was snuffed out when Mustafa was sent off in the 59th minute for lashing out at Papoutsis. However, the visitors were able to pull a goal back when Adem Koce struck from close range after 82 minutes.

An Ivan Miouc strike with 20 minutes remaining was enough for Western Suburbs to see off Dandenong Thunder at Suburb’s Ralph Reserve.

A game with limited goal-scoring opportunities; the home side were sharper in midfield as they dominated possession but, unfortunately, weren’t constructive enough when it came to creating an opening in front of goal. Both defences did well to lock out their opponents throughout the contest but it was Western Suburbs who looked the more likely to steal the three points as the match progressed towards the latter stages.

“There weren’t too many clear cut opportunities, but once we did score they (Dandenong defence) started to open up and we maybe could have had one or two (goals) more. But I think, overall, the result was an indication of who deserved the three points,” said Western Suburbs coach Michael Chatzitirifonas.

Dandenong’s best chance to score came just before half-time when Leon Buhic made a run into the penalty box. With the Thunder coaching staff anticipating Buhic to open the scoring, the playmaker was trapped by a wall of Suburb defenders and was inexplicitly booked for diving.

“(Western Suburbs) defence was pretty hard to penetrate, we didn’t really create many chances at all,” lamented Dandenong coach Stan Webster.

In a physical encounter at Altona East’s Paisley Park Reserve, nine-man Springvale continued their impressive start to State League One football when they defeated ten-man Phoenix 2-1.

Springvale’s George Karagiannis and Miles Tidd were sent in the first half when the scores were still nil-all. But the loss of the players didn’t detract the visitors as they piled on two late first half goals through Nebojsa Vukosavljevic and Goran Zoric.

Altona, themselves, went a man down in the second half when Evangelos Kasapis received his second bookable offence. Yet, with the numerical advantage, Altona East had to wait until the 85th minute to score when Nicholas Riera reducing the margin, but it was too little too late.

By Chris Vernuccio.

ROUND FOUR FIXTURES
SPRINGVALE WHITE EAGLES V BENTLEIGH GREENS Serbian Sports Complex, Keysborough Mel: 94 G7 Friday 28th April KO 8.30pm
BRUNSWICK CITY V NORTHCOTE CITY Dunstan Reserve, Brunswick Mel: 29 B4 Saturday 29th April KO 3pm
DANDENONG THUNDER V ST ALBANS SAINTS George Andrews Reserve, Sth D’hong MEL:90 D11 Saturday 29th April KO 3pm
LANGWARRIN V ALTONA EAST PHOENIX Lawton Park Reserve, Baxter MEL: 107 F1 Saturday 29th April KO 3pm
PORT MELBOURNE V WESTERN SUBURBS SS Anderson Reserve, Port Melb MEL: 56 K1 Saturday 29th April KO 5pm
NORTH COBURG UNITED V NTH GEELONG WARRIORS Reddish Reserve, Glenroy MEL:17 E4 Sunday 30th April KO 3pm



STATE LEAGUE ONE LADDER AND RESULTS

Altona East Phoenix 1 (N Riera) Springvale White Eagles 2 (N Vukosavljevic, G Zoric) (HT: 0-0), Bentleigh Greens 1 (O Kara) Port Melbourne 1 (HT: 0-0), Western Suburbs 0 Dandenong Thunder 1 (HT: 0-0), Northcote City 2 (J Theofilopoulos, T Papoutsis) North Coburg United 1 (A Kose) (HT: 1-0), North Geelong Warriors 3 (D Cervinski, A Cervinski, T Saric) Langwarrin 3 (A Poole, B Caffrey, C Nicholes) (HT: 0-1), St. Albans Saints 3 (I Franjic, D Gecic, J Bralic) Brunswick City 1 (C Greechan) (HT: 1-1)

RESERVES

Altona East Phoenix 1 Springvale White Eagles 1, Bentleigh Greens 2 Port Melbourne 1, Western Suburbs 0 Dandenong Thunder 3, Northcote City 2 North Coburg United 1, North Geelong Warriors 4 Langwarrin 4, St. Albans Saints 4 Brunswick City 3

North Geelong Warriors SC  
Springvale White Eagles SC  
Bentleigh Greens SC  
Langwarrin SC  
St. Albans Saints SC  
Brunswick City SC  
Altona East Phoenix SC  
Northcote City SC  
Dandenong Thunder SC  
Western Suburbs SC  
North Coburg United SC  
Port Melbourne Sharks SC

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3	2	0	1	4	5	6
3	1	2	0	10	4	5
3	1	2	0	7	3	5
3	1	1	1	4	3	4
3	1	1	1	6	6	4
3	1	1	1	3	3	4
3	1	1	1	3	7	4
3	1	1	1	2	7	4
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3	0	1	2	1	3	1
3	0	1	2	1	4	1





# STATE LEAGUES



## MATCH REPORTS

### KNOX TAME LIONS

**Eastern Lions 0  
Knox City 4**

Knox City scored their best win in many a long time when they comprehensively accounted for Eastern Lions 4-0 at Gardiners Reserves, Waverley on Saturday.

It was a Mauritian holiday for Knox as the Durand brothers scored all four goals, Matt with a hat-trick and Christophe with the best goal of the game, a contender for goal of the year.

Eastern Lions started the better and for the first fifteen minutes or so, Knox was very tentative. Mejias was lively up front for the home side and a tight game looked on the cards. Doughty shot just over with a fierce effort and a couple of poor clearances from Jorgensen in the Knox goal could, and probably should have been punished.

At the other end, Spina fired narrowly over and Matt Durand had a thunderbolt blocked by a brave defender. Knox came more into the game, with Vernon working tirelessly up front and Ramsey Nasser always looking dangerous on the right wing.

34 minutes in and the breakthrough came. Christophe Durand received the ball fully twenty-five metres from goal. A single touch and the ball flew into the net beyond Bray's despairing dive.

The lead was doubled almost on half-time. Nasser made a run down the right flank, cut inside his man and unleashed a fierce shot from the edge of the area, which Bray did well to touch onto the crossbar. Matt Durand was first to the rebound and he scored from close range.

Eastern Lions came out for the second half in a determined manner and for the first ten to fifteen minutes took the game right up to Knox. A number of corners were forced and Jorgensen redeemed himself on more than one occasion with fine saves, twice tipping the ball round the post at full-stretch and saving smartly on other occasions.

On 66 minutes, a quick break caught Lions napping. A fierce tackle in defence and the ball was quickly transferred upfield where Matt Durand just won the race to the ball and rounded Bray before calmly finding the net.

Thirteen minutes later and he had his hat-trick when he latched on to a poor clearance from Bray and he made no mistake with his left foot shot.

This was Knox's second win in three games under ex- Socceroo Jimmy Rooney. It puts them fourth in State League Two South East. Their progress will be further tested against Doncaster Rovers at Knox next Saturday.

Eastern Lions: Bray, Lee, Mason, Verniers, Orr, Grimshaw, Drake, Doughty, Mejias, Aleksic (Pasic - 76th), O'Connell (Bristow - 61st). Subs not used: Wild, Pavlou

Knox City: Jorgensen, Sobrio, Swami, Orlando, S. Nasser (Humphreys - 61st), R. Nasser, Ziada (De Robillard - 66th), Spina (Roslan - 72nd), Vernon, C. Durand, M. Durand. Sub not used: Pinter.

By Bruce Darnell.

### KINGS REMAIN UNDEFEATED

**Berwick Kings 1  
Noble Park 0**

Berwick Kings have continued their undefeated start to the season with a very tight 1-0 win over Noble Park.

It was a scrappy hard fought win that showed off Berwick's will to battle rather than their skills. However it was Noble Park who had all of the attacking at the beginning of the match. The first five minutes consisted of three corners as well as some blocked shots on goal. The Berwick defence was up to it however with Steve Dick doing especially well in his first senior appearance of the season.

From then on it was Berwick who maintained control. Their first good chance came in the 7th minute when Mark Litkowski streamed forward to put a good ball across the face of goal but it was just out of reach of the outstretched Milorad Djordjevic.

Vedran Askraba was working hard up front, creating lots of chances. He had a ball put across the face of goal kicked out for a corner; a low, hard shot saved; and his header from Nino Urukalo's cross went over the bar. It seemed luck was just not with them.

This bad luck continued when in the 38th minute, Urukalo went down holding his already strapped knee after going in hard at the ball. He would take no further part in the match and there was no score going in to half time.

The second half began as the first ended and instead of the free flowing soccer that Berwick had previously displayed, the match turned into a very scrappy affair. In the 64th minute Berwick suffered another blow with Askraba going down with what appeared to be a knee injury after colliding with the Noble Park goalkeeper. He was taken off the ground and when substitute Igor Cvetanovski missed a free header at goal from four metres out, it looked like Berwick were never going to get the goal they had worked so hard for.

Finally, in the 80th minute, that goal came. This time Cvetanovski calmly passed the ball into the back of the net after receiving the pass from Ognjen Jovanovic. After eventually obtaining their lead, Berwick held off for the last ten minutes to earn maximum points.

This tight win will keep them on top of the ladder after the first three rounds of the season. It is good form to be in coming up to next week's match against Lyndale who, at the beginning of this round, were also undefeated.

By Shana Morgan.



### WANDERERS SETTLE FOR DRAW

**Chelsea 1  
Waverley Wanderers 1**

Chelsea and Waverley played out a 1-1 draw in blustery conditions at Chelsea's velodrome arena.

It was a game of contrasting halves and although both teams had good chances to take all three points with last gasp winners, a draw looks to be a fair result.

Waverley opened the better and constructed some good scoring opportunities with striker Andrew Strapelias coming the closest with a header coming off the crossbar. He came into some close attention from the outset and his strength on the ball was causing Chelsea plenty of trouble.

He set up the opening goal when a deep cross into the box from Paul Madondo found him at the far post where he headed the ball down for Steve Panaghis to slot home. Waverley's midfield was the better during the first period with Grant Kennedy being the stand out player.



Chelsea was a little timid early but they eventually began to play themselves back into the game. They created a couple of goods chances to score when they got behind the Waverley defence during the last moments of the half. Goalkeeper Jim Kourtis was again called to produce the goods and a top class save to keep Waverley ahead at the main break.

The second half saw Chelsea dominate large periods in the same way Waverley did in the first. Waverley was dealt a blow when Grant Kennedy was stretchered off in the opening minutes and this left a void in Waverley's midfield. The home side applied relentless pressure but Waverley's defence was standing firm lead by Jim Nezos who was outstanding. Strapelias was having a fine game and was presenting himself well as a target man.

His presence was always threatening and his hold up play was bringing others into the game so a second goal was never out of the question.

But Chelsea's pressure finally produced the breakthrough in the 80th minute with a close range strike on goal finding the bottom right hand corner.

Both sides had fine chances to claim victory during stoppage time but failed to capitalize. Waverley also had a good penalty appeal turned down just as the referee was blowing full time.

By George Darmakis.

### VALLEY OPENS 2006 ACCOUNT

**Diamond Valley 1  
Stonnington City 0**

A spectacular goal after only 48 seconds by Sevki Murat was enough to give Diamond Valley its first win of the season.

Stonnington attacked first but its attack was broken up by the valley defence and the ball went straight to Sevki Murat who quickly controlled it and crashed the ball high into the net from 30 metres.

With Stonnington in shock, the home side forged forward with reckless abandon and Shaun Wilhelm, Erol Ergin and Alan Cameron all had chances.

Stonnington settled down and fought back with Alvarez and Alamaras prominent. Also up front, Peter Psarros was always dangerous as the visitors pressed forward.

A mix up between mark Court and Murcel Bolat gave the visitors a chance but tyrikos' shot went just wide.

Play swung from end to end, and Court's shot from 30 meters came close and then cameron failed to convert a one on one with Brzostek following good work from Ergin.

The game was in the balance at the break with only one goal separating the teams.

Stonnington went straight into attack after the interval and only the brilliance of Guler foiled an equaliser.

Valley had a lot more of the ball, but too often Cameron and Murat were left without support and were stopped by Georgoulis, Edgar and Pejkoovic in fine form in the Stonnington defence.

The Valleybackline looked a lot more solid this week and Glen davie and the irrepressible Stuart laing were more than a match for Psarros and Zachariah.

Kevin Unwin came on for Murcel Bolat and gave the Valley attack another dimension on the right side. Unwin made many probing runs and sent several good balls into the Stonnington penalty area, but Brzostek in goal proved a major stumbling block.

Georgoulis fired a shot just over and Court replied with a narrow miss at the other end.

As the game drew to a close Murat almost increased Valley's lead and Guler saved Valley's bacon with a great save right on the final whistle.

A narrow but good win for the valley and Frank Binyazar was more than happy, "We can build on the today and string some results together", he said after the game before celebrating the win and the birth of his daughter with players and supporters.

A bleak note for the Valley was the breakdown of Ben Love with a recurrence of an Achilles injury. His immediate playing future is in serious doubt.

Valley's reserves went under by a goal in the 27th minute with the "defence" no where to be seen.

the writing was on the wall before the game. Never before has a dishevelled bunch of players turned up to represent this club and their on field performance was reflected in this. Given the amount of talent available this was a most disappointing result.

By Gordon Kirkwood.

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# RICHMOND EAGLES CLUB FOCUS

## HISTORY

Founded in 1953 by German immigrants Gerhard Torner, Guenter Schiede and Stefan Krix, Richmond Soccer Club began playing in the Victorian Division Four in 1954.

Winning several promotions as runner's-up, the first major impact on the state scene came in 1960 when the club won the Division One South Championship. This secured promotion to the State League, the forerunner of today's Vodafone Cup. Relegation followed, but once again the Division One South title headed to Richmond in 1962.

In the 1963 State League season Richmond faced current Vodafone Cup rivals South Melbourne Hellas, Croatia, and George Cross. Again Richmond lasted just a season in the top flight, and for the following forty years spent the bulk of their history playing in Division One of the Metropolitan and State Leagues.

Brief spells in Division Two saw Championships claimed in 1969, 1979 and 1991 and the most recent in 2003 under coach Andy O'Dell. In 2005 Richmond were runner's-up to Kingston City in State League Division One under current coach and former player Dean Hennessey. Current senior assistant coach Jimmy McBride is also a former player.

Club legends include Kurt Goettlicher, Matze Landherr, Werner Klein, Manfred Kuhn, Gary Groenwald, Jim MacLean, Nick Halliwell, Nick Gourlias, Chris Andriotis and Dale White. In 2003 a team featuring recent stalwarts Carlo Mason and Glen Davie, as well as the likes of Robbie Brian, Gerry McDonagh, Cameron Brown, Tony Giuliano and Will Hastie won the State League Division Two South East Championship. Peter Psarros led the way up front, securing the Top Goalscorers title for the league as well.

In 39 games in 2004 and 2005, Joey Di Iorio scored 33 goals, twice being League Top Goalscorer as well as being League Best and Fairest in Division One in 2004. Alongside Matt Conkie, John Petridis, Jason Dimozantos, James Baskerville, Craig Kerr, Craig Murphy, Billy Daglis, Xhezair Sulemani, Sava Rusmir, Cameron Jones and current captain Fergal O'Colmain, he helped win promotion to the Vodafone Cup in a memorable 2005 season.

Words by Mark Boric.

Photos by Steven Gray.



Former Eagles favourites who would get the cowbells ringing at KB Reserve: Gerry McDonough and Joe Di Iorio (Inset).

## CURRENT SENIOR SQUAD

Noel Bahnsen  
0(2) game  
D.O.B. 21/02/1987  
Signed from AIS

James Baskerville  
47(3) games 9 goals  
D.O.B. 05/04/1977  
Signed from: Sandringham City

Brendan Beni  
9 games 1 goal  
D.O.B. 7/6/1984  
Signed from: Heidelberg United

Steve Burton  
10 games 1 goal  
D.O.B. 10/10/1982  
Signed from Kiddiminster Harriers

Tony Celentano  
10 games  
D.O.B. 7/9/1974  
Signed from Essendon Royals

Nick Crossley  
6 games  
D.O.B. 12/9/1987  
Signed from Modbury Jets

Graham Hockless  
10 games 1 goal  
D.O.B. 20/10/1982  
Signed from North Ferriby United

Ibraim Ibraimi  
1(3) games  
D.O.B. 17/4/1985  
Signed from Dandenong Thunder

Nick Kalambokis  
0(1) games  
D.O.B. 11/8/1989  
Signed from Bulleen Zebras

Veton Korcarevski  
6(2) games 2 goals  
D.O.B. 18/11/1985  
Signed from Heidelberg United

Fergal O'Colmain  
38(7) games 16 goals

D.O.B. 21/11/1972  
Signed from Longford Town

Josip Rajher  
10 games  
D.O.B. 23/9/1977  
Signed from Green Gully

Shane Rexhepi  
0 games  
D.O.B. 30/12/1986  
Signed from North Sunshine Eagles

James Robinson  
4 games 4 goals  
D.O.B. 18/9/1982  
Signed from IBV

Robbie Simioni  
5 games  
D.O.B. 12/12/1985  
Signed from Whittlesea Stallions

Semir Sivic  
3(3) games  
D.O.B. 29/11/1987  
Signed from Frankston Pines

Xhezair Sulemani  
9(1) games 3 goals  
D.O.B. 3/10/1981  
Signed from Oakleigh Cannons

Daniel Visevic  
9(1) games 2 goals  
D.O.B. 30/11/1988  
Signed from VIS/South Melbourne

Simon Webster  
10 games  
D.O.B. 3/6/1982  
Signed from Frankston Pines



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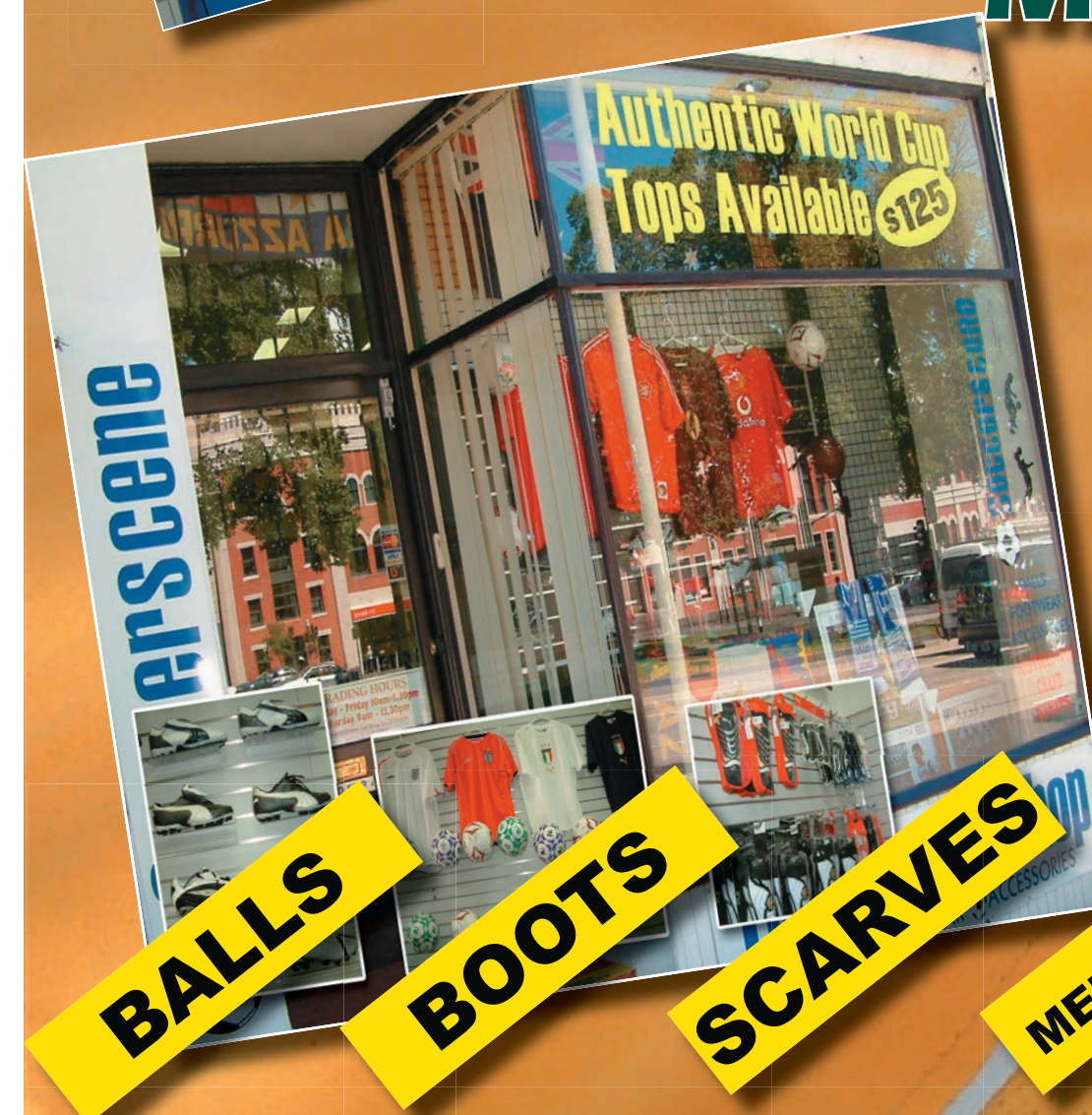
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Back Row: Sava Rusmir, Brendan Beni, Craig Murphy, James Robinson, Graham Hockless, Daniel Visevic, Simon Webster, Shane Rexhepi.  
 Middle Row: Roy Lawton (Goalkeeper Coach), Xhezair Sulemani, Veton Korcarevski, Ibraim Ibraimi, Noel Bahnsen, Steve Burton, Josip Rajher, Mark Boric (Manager), Theo Loizou (Physio).  
 Front Row: Robbie Simioni, Tony Celentano, Fergal O'Colmain (Captain), Dean Hennessey (Head Coach), Jimmy McBride (Assistant Coach), James Baskerville, Semir Sivic, Nick Crossley.







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## a pom's home view



Chelsea are within a point of back to back Premiership titles, but hopes of a domestic double were swept aside when Liverpool knocked them out of the FA Cup, with a 2-1 win in the semi finals this weekend. This was the fifth meeting of the two clubs this season and the first victory for the reds. The two managers Rafael Benitez and Jose Mourinho did not shake hands after the game but this was more by accident rather than by incident.

Meanwhile, Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger and Tottenham Hotspur counterpart Martin Jol squared up on the touchline and later refused to shake hands after the final whistle in the 1-1 draw in the last north London derby at Highbury. The game's significance meant that Spurs could now finish above 'the Gunners' in the Premiership for the first time.

The game reached boiling point when Spurs controversially took advantage when an Arsenal player was on the ground injured. The common practice of sportsmanship would have seen the ball knocked out of play. Unfortunately for Arsenal, the Spurs' players did not see the incident and just thought Arsenal had a lapse of concentration. Eventually, Thierry Henry came off the bench to deny Tottenham victory.

A similar incident happened in 1999, when a couple of Arsenal's foreign legion scored and beat Sheffield United in a cup game. Wenger's embarrassment saw the rearrangement of the match to which Arsenal won in comfort. It is highly unlikely that this would be repeated in such an important fixture.

At the other end of the table, the relegation battle continued with further grief for the Midland clubs. It must be pretty desperate being a football supporter from that area of the

country, with all three of their premiership teams Aston Villa, West Bromich Albion and Birmingham City having a torrid season. With their other biggest club Wolverhampton Wanderers falling short of the play-offs in the Championship and unable to regain Premiership status.

Newcastle's 3-0 win over West Brom means Bryan Robson's team are theoretically down. While, Birmingham's scoreless draw against Everton saw them slip back into the bottom three. They now require victories from their final games their games away to Newcastle and home to Bolton, both teams fighting for places in Europe. The only team that they can realistically catch is Portsmouth, currently two points ahead. Pompey has now taken 17 points out of a possible 24, which almost championship form, but have two difficult games away to Wigan and home to Liverpool.

Aston Villa will most likely be the only midlands club in top flight next season, however they are having their worst ever season in the Premiership with their lowest point tally and position currently in 15th. They are safe from relegation, but only just. The future of their manager David O'Leary looks less certain than either of the others. Villa is a big team, who should be competing for Europe. But O'Leary continues to give his dreary excuses of having a young squad, inexperience, injury problems or lack of resources. The 'Villans' only glee is their recent win over their rivals Birmingham City, and thus helping them on the way to relegation. O'Leary helped bankrupt Leeds United with bad management and Villa's ageing chairman Doug 'Davros' Ellis will not be able to hold off the fans wanting the manager 'exterminated' in May.

By Richard Sucksmith.



## UK FOOTBALL WRAP

### Liverpool beat Chelsea and advance to FA Cup final

Written by: Jonathan Roorda

Apr 22- Goals from John Arne Riise and Luis García earned Liverpool a 2-1 victory over Chelsea in their FA Cup semi-final played at Old Trafford.

Liverpool coach Rafael Benitez



The Reds took the lead in the 21st minutes, with Norwegian John Arne Riise scoring from a free kick. The strike from about 18 meters went through the wall and past goalkeeper Carlo Cudicini.

Eight minutes into the second half, an impressive strike from Spaniard Luis García, who curved the ball into the left corner of Chelsea's goal, doubled the lead for Liverpool.

Chelsea got one back thirteen minutes later, as Côte d'Ivoire forward Didier Drogba headed past Reina for 2-1.

In the final minutes, Liverpool survived several Chelsea attacks and an enormous chance for Joe Cole, who struck over the

crossbar from close range.

Liverpool are to play their thirteenth final, having won the trophy six times in the past. The last victory came in 2001, when Arsenal were beaten in the final.

The other finalists will be known on Sunday, when Middlesbrough face West Ham United in the second semi-final.

### Portsmouth leap out of bottom three

Written by: Stephen Sharp

Apr 22 - Portsmouth managed to hop out of the relegation zone on Saturday, but not after having to come from a goal down at home to beat relegated Sunderland.

Portsmouth coach Harry Rednapp



### Portsmouth - Sunderland 2-1

With match scoreless after 70 minutes and the Fratton Park faithful getting edgy, Sunderland decided to take the upper hand as Tommy Miller found the back of the Pompey to take a stunning lead.

That apparently inspired the Portsmouth players to play harder, and it paid off as Svetoslav Todorov found an equalizer three minutes later to pull the match level. The home fans, though, knew a win was absolutely essential and they urged their

team forward, and wishes came true when Sunderland conceded a penalty after Kevin Kyle's handball.

That allowed Matthew Taylor to step up and slot home what could be a crucial penalty with two minutes left in the game.

### Everton - Birmingham City 0-0

The victim of Portsmouth's win was Birmingham as they fell back into the bottom three after a tame draw at Everton.

Blues goalkeeper Maik Taylor had to be alert to stop an effort from Leon Osman that could have snatched all the points for Everton, but nonetheless Birmingham are now two points back of Pompey.

### Newcastle United -

### West Bromwich Albion 3-0

A great escape last year is likely not to be this year as West Brom are on the brink of relegation after a drubbing at the hands of Newcastle, who won their fifth successive Premiership match.

Nolberto Solano gave the Magpies the lead on the half-hour with a close-range goal after Michael Chopra had a shot deflected, and Shola Ameobi doubled the lead from the spot with five minutes left in the first half.

West Brom never looked to be a threat to Shay Given's goal and the home side actually got a third goal through Ameobi at the death.

A single point by Portsmouth in either of their last two games would send the Baggies down to the Championship.

### Bolton Wanderers - Charlton Athletic 4-1

A great performance by Bolton got them back on the winning track as they look to rescue a bid for a spot in Europe.

Portuguese talisman Ricardo Vaz Té gave

the Trotters the advantage after 14 minutes had been played and Kevin Davies doubled it to 2-0 just seven minutes later.

Mexican striker Jared Borgetti scored on the half-hour mark to give Bolton a 3-0 lead, before it was reduced by Darren Bent's penalty in the 76th minute.

The three-goal lead would be restored, though, as Davies struck his second of the game with one minute left to play.

### Arsenal held to draw by Tottenham Hotspur

Written by: Jonathan Roorda

Apr 22 - Tottenham Hotspur held Arsenal to a 1-1 draw in the North-London derby, and maintain their fourth position in the English Premiership.

The Spurs even seemed to be heading for a victory following Robbie Keane's opening goal in the 66th minute.

But Arsenal levelled through Thierry Henry in the 84th minute and can still hope for a top-four finish at the end of the season.

Just after Henry's goal, Dutch midfielder Edgar Davids got his second yellow card. Tottenham avoided further damage in the remaining five minutes however.

Tottenham are fourth with 62 points from 36 games, while Arsenal follow with 58 points from 35 matches. The top four gets access to the Champions League or the last preliminary round of that tournament.

There is an exception however: If Arsenal win the current Champions League, they will automatically represent England, which would leave the Spurs with empty hands. This rule was created after the Liverpool-Everton situation at the start of this season.

Source: Soccer Way



# WORLD FOOTBALL

## ARGENTINA CLAUSURA

Independiente - Gimnasia J				0 - 0			
Estudiantes LP - Olimpo				2 - 2			
Team	T	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pt
1 Boca Juniors	15	9	4	2	26	12	31
2 River Plate	15	8	5	2	31	16	29
3 Newell's	15	8	4	3	22	12	28
4 Gimnasia J	16	8	3	5	22	13	27
5 Lanus	15	8	3	4	19	13	27
6 Gimnasia LP	15	7	4	4	23	15	25
7 Velez	15	5	8	2	18	13	23
8 Olimpo	16	6	5	5	21	18	23
9 Estudiantes LP	16	6	4	6	23	25	22
10 San Lorenzo	15	5	6	4	12	11	21
11 Independiente	15	5	5	5	15	12	20
12 Colon	15	5	5	5	17	19	20
13 Banfield	14	6	1	7	19	19	19
14 Quilmes	15	5	4	6	13	19	19
15 Arg. Juniors	15	4	5	6	21	22	17
16 Arsenal Sarandi	15	4	5	6	13	15	17
17 Rosario	15	3	6	6	10	15	15
18 Tiro Federal	15	3	2	10	13	32	11
19 Racing	15	2	3	10	6	23	9
20 Instituto	15	2	2	11	12	32	8

## ITALIAN SERIE A

Lecce - Treviso	1 - 1
Parma - Siena	1 - 1
Roma - Sampdoria	0 - 0
Inter Milan - Reggina	4 - 0
Livorno - Palermo	3 - 1
Messina - Milan	1 - 3
Juventus - Lazio	1 - 1
Fiorentina - Empoli	2 - 1
Udinese - Chievo	1 - 1
Ascoli - Cagliari	2 - 2

Team	T	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pt
1 Juventus	35	24	10	1	64	23	82
2 Milan	35	25	4	6	78	28	79
3 Inter Milan	35	23	5	7	65	26	74
4 Fiorentina	35	20	8	7	59	38	68
5 Roma	35	18	11	6	64	36	65
6 Lazio	35	13	14	8	51	46	53
7 Chievo	35	13	13	9	50	43	52
8 Livorno	35	12	11	12	37	42	47
9 Palermo	35	11	13	11	47	50	46
10 Parma	35	12	9	14	43	53	45
11 Sampdoria	35	10	9	16	45	47	39
12 Ascoli	35	8	15	12	38	46	39
13 Udinese	35	10	9	16	36	51	39
14 Empoli	35	11	6	18	42	59	39
15 Reggina	35	10	8	17	34	58	38
16 Siena	35	9	10	16	41	56	37
17 Cagliari	35	7	14	14	37	50	35
18 Messina	35	6	13	16	33	52	31
19 Lecce	35	6	7	22	27	55	25
20 Treviso	35	2	11	22	20	52	17

## SCOTTISH CHAMP/RELEGATION

Group Championship - Wide									
Team	T	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pt		
1 Celtic	1	0	1	0	89	32	86		
2 Hearts	2	1	0	1	67	29	68		
3 Rangers	1	0	1	0	60	35	63		
4 Hibernian	2	1	1	0	59	47	56		
5 Kilmarnock	2	0	1	1	59	58	52		
6 Aberdeen	2	0	2	0	40	37	50		
Group Relegation - Wide									
Team	T	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pt		
1 Inverness	2	2	0	0	47	38	49		
2 Motherwell	2	0	1	1	51	57	45		
3 Dundee United	2	0	0	2	40	62	32		
4 Falkirk	2	0	2	0	32	62	27		
5 Dunfermline	2	1	1	0	29	65	27		
6 Livingston	2	1	0	1	25	76	18		

Aberdeen - Kilmarnock	0 - 0
Hibernian - Hearts	2 - 1

Team	T	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pt
1 Celtic	33	27	4	2	88	31	85
2 Hearts	33	19	8	6	64	27	65
3 Rangers	33	18	8	7	59	34	62
4 Hibernian	33	16	4	13	56	45	52
5 Kilmarnock	33	14	9	10	59	56	51
6 Aberdeen	33	12	12	9	39	36	48
7 Motherwell	33	12	8	13	50	55	44
8 Inverness	33	10	13	10	45	38	43
9 Dundee United	33	7	11	15	39	58	32
10 Falkirk	33	6	7	20	31	61	25
11 Dunfermline	33	5	8	20	26	63	23
12 Livingston	33	3	6	24	20	72	15

## SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE

Stranraer - St. Mirren	0 - 1
St. Johnstone - Hamilton	1 - 1
Ross County - Airdrie United	0 - 1
Dundee FC - Clyde	0 - 1
Brechin - Queen of the South	1 - 1

Team	T	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pt
1 St. Mirren	35	23	7	5	52	27	76
2 St. Johnstone	35	17	12	6	58	34	63
3 Hamilton	35	15	13	7	53	39	58
4 Ross County	35	14	13	8	47	40	55
5 Clyde	35	15	9	11	53	41	54
6 Airdrie United	35	11	11	13	54	40	44
7 Dundee FC	35	8	16	11	40	49	40
8 Queen of the South	35	7	12	16	30	51	33
9 Stranraer	35	5	13	17	32	52	28
10 Brechin	35	2	10	23	25	71	16

## CROATIA

Varteks - Osijek	3 - 0
Kamen - Dinamo Zagreb	1 - 3
Hajduk - Rijeka	0 - 4

Team	P	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pts
1 Dinamo Zagreb	6	3	1	2	69	16	66
2 Rijeka	6	4	1	1	55	32	58
3 Varteks	6	5	0	1	44	37	46
4 Osijek	6	1	1	4	27	43	38
5 Hajduk	6	2	1	3	33	29	36
6 Kamen	6	1	0	5	28	40	32

## GERMAN BUNDESLIGA

Dortmund - Nurnberg	2 - 1
Kaiserslautern - Hannover 96	1 - 0
Stuttgart - Frankfurt	0 - 2
Arminia - Bielefeld Wolfsburg	0 - 1
1.FC Koln - MSV Duisburg	3 - 1
Hamburger SV - Leverkusen	0 - 2
Monchengladbach - Hertha BSC	2 - 2

Team	T	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pt
1 Bayern Munchen	30	21	6	3	58	25	69
2 Hamburger SV	31	20	5	6	49	24	65
3 Werder Bremen	30	18	6	6	66	33	60
4 Schalke 04	30	14	12	4	41	27	54
5 Leverkusen	31	13	8	10	55	44	47
6 Hertha BSC	31	11	12	8	46	39	45
7 Dortmund	31	10	11	10	39	37	41
8 Stuttgart	31	8	16	7	32	32	40
9 Monchengladbach	31	9	11	11	36	43	38
10 Nurnberg	31	10	7	14	40	46	37
11 Arminia Bielefeld	31	10	7	14	29	38	37
12 Hannover 96	31	7	15	9	38	41	36
13 Frankfurt	31	9	7	15	39	46	34
14 Wolfsburg	31	7	12	12	30	48	33
15 Mainz 05	30	7	9	14	40	45	30
16 Kaiserslautern	31	8	6	17	42	66	30
17 1.FC Koln	31	6	9	16	45	62	27
18 MSV Duisburg	31	4	11	16	29	58	23

## GREEK KATIGORIA

PAOK - Levadiakos	3 - 1
Larisa - Olympiakos	2 - 1
Kallithea - Xanthi	2 - 1
Iraklis - Panathinaikos	1 - 0
Atromitos/H. - Panionios	1 - 3
Akratitos - Kalamaria	1 - 3
AEK Athens - OFI	2 - 0

Team	T	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pt
1 Olympiakos	28	23	0	5	61	20	69
2 AEK Athens	28	20	3	5	41	20	63
3 Panathinaikos	28	19	4	5	48	23	61
4 Iraklis	28	14	6	8	36	26	48
5 PAOK	28	13	7	8	42	27	46
6 Xanthi	28	12	7	9	29	25	43
7 Larisa	28	10	8	10	30	33	38
8 Atromitos/H.	28	10	6	12	32	36	36
9 Kalamaria	28	9	8	11	30	34	35
10 Aigaleo	28	8	9	11	23	34	33
11 Ionikos	28	6	12	10	35	40	30
12 Levadiakos	28	7	7	14	21	32	28
13 Panionios	28	7	5	16	27	45	26
14 OFI	28	5	10	13	19	36	25
15 Kallithea	28	4	8	16	25	44	20
16 Akratitos	28	4	6	18	19	43	18

## AUSTRIAN LEAGUE

Salzburg - Sturm	3 - 2
Superfund - Tirol	1 - 1
GAK SV - Ried	1 - 4
Mattersburg - Admira	3 - 2

Team	T	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pt
1 Salzburg	33	19	3	11	56	37	60
2 Austria Wien	32	16	10	6	43	28	58
3 Superfund	33	14	10	9	38	29	52
4 SV Ried	33	12	12	9	44	39	48
5 Rapid Wien	32	11	9	12	42	38	42
6 GAK	33	12	6	15	42	42	42
7 Sturm	33	9	12	12	40	45	39
8 Tirol	33	9	12	12	39	48	39
9 Mattersburg	33	11	6	16	37	52	39
10 Admira	33	8	6	19	40	63	30

## TURKISH FIRST DIVISION

Ankaraspor - Manisaspor	3 - 1
Fenerbahçe - Galatasaray	4 - 0

Team	T	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pt
1 Fenerbahçe	31	23	5	3	82	29	74
2 Galatasaray	31	23	5	3	73	33	74
3 Besiktas	30	13	9	8	48	35	48
4 Gençlerbirligi	30	13	8	9	41	31	47
5 Kayserispor	30	13	6	11	47	36	45
6 Trabzonspor	29	12	7	10	37	36	43
7 Konyaspor	30	11	9	10	37	38	42
8 Eriyesspor	30	9	13	8	33	38	40
9 Manisaspor	31	11	6	14	50	53	39
10 Sivasspor	30	8	13	9	29	36	37
11 Ankaraspor	31	8	12	11	43	45	36
12 Ankaragucu	30	9	9	12	39	41	36
13 Rizespor	30	8	11	11	28	35	35
14 Gaziantepspor	30	7	10	13	29	48	31
15 Denizlispor	30	7	8	15	34	45	29
16 Samsunspor	30	6	9	15	40	58	27
17 Malatyaspor	30	6	9	15	28	49	27
18 Diyarbakirspor	29	7	5	17	29	61	26

## MACEDONIAN LEAGUE

Cementarnica - Sileks	3 - 2
Renova - Stip	2 - 1
Belasica - Rabotnicki	0 - 3
Baskimi - Vardar	1 - 1
Shkendija - Makedonija	0 - 1
Pobeda - Vlazrimi	1 - 2

Team	P	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pts
1 Rabotnicki	28	20	7	1	60	20	67
2 Makedonija	28	18	4	6	44	20	58
3 Vardar	28	17	5	6	34	14	56
4 Pobeda	28	14	6	8	50	37	48
5 Shkendija	28	14	1	13	41	39	43
6 Baskimi	28	12	5	11	43	38	41
7 Vlazrimi	28	11	3	14	37	47	36
8 Renova	28	10	5	13	36	41	35
9 Stip	28	8	5	15	33	46	29
10 Sileks	28	6	10	12	37	50	28
11 Cementarnica	28	7	6	15	31	44	27



# WORLD FOOTBALL

## SPAIN

### Celta beat Zaragoza, Villarreal lose to Sociedad

Written by: Jonathan Roorda

Apr 22 - Celta de Vigo are close to reaching European football after a comfortable 4-0 win over Zaragoza, while Champions League revelations



dropped to ninth place due to a defeat by Sociedad.

### Celta de Vigo - Zaragoza 4-0

Celta, currently fifth in the Liga, needed thirty minutes to break the deadlock through Ernesto Canobbio. Larena Jorge added a second just after the break, and José Jesus Perera got the third in the 80th minute. One minute later, Canobbio set the final score to 4-0.

### Alavés - Atletico de Madrid 0-1

Atletico de Madrid moved into 8th position thanks to a 0-1 win at Alavés. The only, and therefore winning goal came from Antonio Lopez in the 23rd minute.

### Villarreal - Real Sociedad 0-1

Villarreal, who keep on impressing at the European level, fail to do so at home. Real Sociedad visited the coastal town and needed only nine minutes to open the score through Mikel Alonso. A second goal came from Mark Gonzalez in the 27th minute.

## PORTUGAL

### FC Porto clinch SuperLiga title

Written by: Stephen Sharp

Apr 22 (SW) - FC Porto reclaimed their Portuguese championship on Saturday as they defeated relegated Penafiel 1-0 to move out of reach Sporting Lisbon and Benfica.

The lone goal of the match was scored by Brazilian forward Adriano two minutes into the second half, giving first-year manager Co Adriaanse his first ever championship as a coach. He previously came close with a second place finish while at Willem II in 1999.

The title is Porto's 24th overall Portuguese league crown and they have won three of the last four championships, losing out to Benfica a season ago. Porto will now look to return to the glory of their European championship team in 2004 as they enter the group stage of the 2006/07 Champions League.

## TURKEY

### Fenerbahçe crush Galatasaray to level up title race

Written by: Stephen Sharp

Fenerbahçe SKISTANBUL, Apr 22 (SW) - Fenerbahçe went level on points with Galatasaray on Saturday with a 4-0 win over their bitter rivals at the Sükrü Saracoğlu stadium.

Ghanaian international Stephen Appiah gave the home side the lead after just 13 minutes before Fábio Luciano doubled the advantage just seven minutes later and the home side went to the break with the 2-0 lead.

Things got worse for Galatasaray right after the restart when they were reduced to ten players with the second yellow card issued to Alioum Sadiou. Fenerbahçe took advantage and scored a third goal in the 70th minute through Brazilian midfielder

Alex, and Nicolas Anelka capped off the rout with a strike 12 minutes from time.

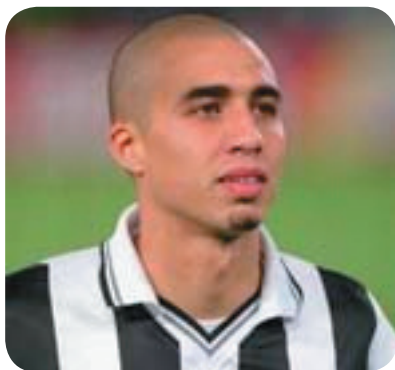
The result leaves the two sides level on 74 points, but Fenerbahçe have a +53 goal differential as opposed to Galatasaray's +40.

There are three rounds left to play in this Turkish Super Lig season with the winner going into the third qualifying round of the Champions League, and the runner-up into the second qualifying round.

Christoph Daum's Fenerbahçe side are in search of their third consecutive Turkish league title and are in the final of the Turkish Cup against Besiktas.

## ITALIAN SERIE A

### Juve continue to falter, Milan move to within three



Written by: Stephen Sharp

Apr 22 - Juventus' recent slide in form has brought new life to a once-seemingly decided Serie A title race as Lazio held the leaders with AC Milan moving to within three points.

### Juventus - Lazio 1-1

The fans at the Stadio Delle Alpi couldn't have been happy on 29 minutes when Tommaso Rocchi fired the visitors in front, leaving Bianconeri fans wondering what was happening to their team.

The door was opened to them by Lazio in the 35th minute when Ousmane Dabo was sent off, but the home side failed to capitalize.

It nearly ended in total disaster for Juve, but David Trezeguet rescued them with an 86th-minute equalizer to earn a point. Juve, however, have not won in their last five Serie A games.

### Messina - AC Milan 1-3

The Rossoneri, fresh off of a home loss to Barcelona in the midweek, had to come from a goal down to beat Messina in an ill-tempered affair.

Giuseppe Sculli gave the home side the lead after just six minutes had been played, but the equalizer came in the 33rd minutes through Marek Jankulovski.

Gennaro Gattuso gave the visitors the lead on 44 minutes, and Messina were reduced to 10 men with the dismissal of Antonio Nocerino on the stroke of half-time.

Sculli picked up his second booking in the 87th minute and was sent off before Salvatore Aronica of Messina and Milan's Clarence Seedorf were shown the exit late on.

Lost in all of that mess was an insurance goal for Milan by striker Alberto Gilardino.

### Fiorentina - Empoli 2-1

Fiorentina moved three points clear of Roma for fourth place in the table after fending off Empoli at the Artemio Franchi on Saturday.

The home side went up just before the half-time whistle blew in the matchup of the two Tuscan rivals, Manuel Pasqual finding the back of the net on 43 minutes.

Luis Jiménez doubled the Viola's lead in the 59th minute, but Christian Rigano forced the home side to sweat out the remainder of the game after making the score 2-1 in the 66th minute.

### Roma - Sampdoria 0-0

It's been a season of disappointment for Sampdoria,

but they will feel good about Saturday after holding Roma goalless at Stadio Olimpico.

The day was capped off when French defender Philippe Mexes was sent off with two minutes left in the game.

### Inter Milan - Reggina 4-0

Inter had the most comfortable result of the day as they trampled Reggina at the San Siro with a dominating performance.

Julio Cruz struck from the spot after 16 minutes to give Inter the lead and then they went on a goal-scoring spree that saw Obafemi Martins and César make the lead 3-0 before the half-hour mark.

Inter held the ball throughout and finally picked up a fourth goal at the death, Cruz picking up his second of the match. Inter are five points back of AC Milan.

### Lecce - Treviso 1-1

Lecce became the second team assured of relegation from Serie A on Saturday as they were held by the other relegated side Treviso.

Mirko Vucinic gave the home side the lead after just three minutes at the Via del Mare, but Cristian Ledesma's red card in the 32nd minute spelled trouble for Lecce.

Trouble came with seven minutes left in the game as Reginaldo struck the equalizer for Treviso, ensuring Lecce could not climb to safety this season.

### Udinese - Chievo 1-1

The action came late on in this encounter at the Stadio Friuli as Antonio Di Natale appeared to have struck the winner for the home side in the 77th minute.

However, Udinese conceded a penalty and with one minute left in normal time, Sergio Pellisier converted the spot kick to rescue a point for Chievo.

### Livorno - Palermo 3-1

Alessandro Lucarelli was the star on Saturday, scoring a hat-trick as Livorno trounced Palermo.

Lucarelli opened the scoring in the fourth minute with a goal from the penalty spot and then made the lead 2-0 in the 41st minute.

The match was over when Lucarelli scored his third straight goal six minutes into the second half, although Giovanni Tedesco did grab a late penalty for the visitors.

### Parma - Siena 1-1

Parma's late run at a European spot was halted on Saturday as had to come from behind to earn a home draw against Siena.

Tomás Guzmán fired the visitors in front after 23 minutes, but the answer came four minutes after the hour mark through Domenico Morfeo.

### Ascoli - Cagliari 2-2

Ascoli will be proud of their achievements this season in Serie A, but will be disappointed with Saturday's result they were held by Cagliari.

Marco Ferrante gave Ascoli a lead on 18 minutes and it appeared the flood gates would open after Cagliari had Michele Canini and Francesco Bega sent off before 23 minutes of the game had been played.

Nine-man Cagliari, though, stayed firm and found an amazing equalizer through David Suazo in the 53rd minute before incredibly taking the lead 11 minutes later, again through Suazo. It would have been an amazing performance by the Sardinians, but Maurizio Domizzi's penalty saved some blushes for Ascoli in the 73rd minute before they had Domenico Cristiano sent off late on to finish with ten men.

## GERMANY

### Hamburg lose to Bayer, Dortmund beat Nurnberg

Written by: Jonathan Roorda

Hamburger SVHAMBURG, Apr 22 (SW) - Hamburger SV failed to take points against Bayer Leverkusen and slowly lose touch with Bundesliga leaders Bayern Munich.

Hamburger SV - Bayer Leverkusen 0-2

Hamburg suffered a painful loss against Bayer Leverkusen. Eight minutes had been played when

Simon Rolfes opened the score for the guests, and Paul Freier added a second goal in the 77th minute.

### Borussia M'gladbach - Hertha BSC 2-2

An own goal from Sofian Chahed gave Mönchengladbach the lead in the tenth minute, but Yildiray Basturk levelled six minutes later.

In the 82nd minute, Thomas Broich restored the home side's lead but Niko Kovac equalized in the 87th minute to rescue a point for Hertha.

### Borussia Dortmund - Nurnberg 2-1

Borussia Dortmund moved into seventh place following a victory over Nurnberg. Florian Krings' 18th-minute goal was cancelled out by Marek Nilk in the 29th, but Krings got a second in the 77th minute to give his side three valuable points.

### VfB Stuttgart - Eintracht Frankfurt 0-2

Stuttgart hosted Eintracht Frankfurt and suffered a 0-2 defeat. Alexander Meier broke the deadlock in the 59th minute and Ioannis Amanatidis added another two minutes later.

### Arminia Bielefeld - VfL Wolfsburg 0-1

Wolfsburg needed only one goal to win in Bielefeld, with Miroslav Karhan converting a penalty kick just before the half time whistle.

### Kaiserslautern - Hannover 96 1-0

The match between Kaiserslautern and Hannover was decided by one goal as well. Daniel Halfar got the decider for the hosts in the 39th minute.

### Cologne - Duisburg 3-1

17th-placed Cologne faced last-placed Duisburg and achieved a valuable 3-1 victory. Albert Streit, Markus Feulner and Lukas Podolski netted for the hosts, while Abdelaziz Ahanfouf got the only goal for Duisburg.

## GERMANY



Brazilian legend Tele Santana dies

Written by: Sándor Füleki  
Apr 22 (SW) - 74-year-old Brazilian coaching legend Tele Santana died on Friday in a Belo Horizonte hospital. One of the greatest coaches of Brazilian

football ever, Santana's highest ranked achievements led Sao Paulo to two South American Copas Libertadores and two FIFA World Club Cups in 1992 and 1993.

Santana was forced to retire from coaching in 1996 due to ischemia, and has been in hospital since the end of March with abdominal infection, which eventually caused his death.

His long and prosperous coaching career started in the 1960's, at Rio De Janeiro-based club Fluminense, reaching an early summit in 1971 when he led Belo Horizonte's most famous outfit, Atletico Mineiro to the first place of the inaugural Brazilian championship.

Though he later on coached Brazilian top clubs Flamengo, Palmeiras and Gremio as well, his most famous achievements were coaching two legendary Brazilian World Cup sides, in 1982 and 1986. As a firm believer in 'Jogo Bonito - Beautiful Football', he used the stars of the era, Zico, Socrates, Falcao and Junior to form a side known for its breathtaking style of play. Even though these sides never made it to a final, both are remembered and respected as legendary teams.

After a brief spell at Flamengo, Santana went on to coach FC Sao Paulo in 1990, where he built one of the best club sides in history, with the likes of Brazilian stars Zetti, Rai, Dunga or the young Cafu. Two Libertadores Cup victories were followed up by beating Johann Cruyff's Barcelona and Fabio Capello's AC Milan in two successive FIFA World Club Cup finals.

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# NATIONAL NEWS

## UNDER 23S NOTCH UP WIN IN HANOI

Nikolai Topor-Stanley scored an extraordinary goal to give the Qantas Under 23's a 1-0 win over Uzbekistan at the Spring Cup tournament in Hanoi, Vietnam.

Topor-Stanley, who is one of only two players in the squad that has not played in the Hyundai A-League, headed home from the edge of the penalty area, to give Australia the victory.

The win however was not enough to earn Australia top spot on the table, finishing second behind Iran courtesy of goal difference.

The match overall was a fairly lacklustre affair, with few chances created and both teams looking somewhat jaded from the hectic schedule of three games in five days.

Uzbekistan had the better of the opening half, creating a number of half chances, while Australia struggled to get any clear opportunities at goal.

The second half started more positively with Perth Glory midfielder Nick Ward picking up a deflection off a Uzbekistan defender, but was thwarted by the keeper as he tried to go round him.

Coach Graham Arnold tried to spark things up a little by introducing a series of substitutes and it was of them (Topor-Stanley) that eventually gave Australia victory in the 75th minute. Mark Milli-

gan's long free kick from the half way seemed harmless enough when it got the edge of the area, but the Uzbekistan keeper had come a long way off his line and the lanky defender seized the opportunity and looped his header over the stranded keeper.

Arnold was reasonably satisfied with the team's performances, given that it was their first time together as a group; going through undefeated and without conceding a goal in the three matches.

**Match Details**  
Australia 1 (Nikolai Topor-Stanley 75')  
Uzbekistan 0

Australian line-up: Danny Vukovic (gk); Mark Milligan, Adrian Leijer, Jacob Timpano, Ruben Zadkovich, Spase Dilevski (Nikolai Topor-Stanley 54'), Stuart Musialik, David Micevski (Tyler Simpson 66'), Nick Ward (Jordan Simpson 61'), Dez Giraldi (Mark Bridge 74'), Kristian Sarkies

Subs not used: Justin Pasfield (gk)  
Unavailable: Vince Lia (suspended), Adam Casey (hamstring)  
Cautions: Zadkovich (42'), Milligan (60')

## OZ FUTSAL TEAM MAKES A SPLASH IN AFC TOURNAMENT



The Qantas Futsalroos have recorded an historic 5-4 victory over highly fancied Korea Republic at the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Futsal Championship qualifying tournament currently being held in Kuantan, Malaysia.

The Qantas Futsalroos took the lead in the 12th minute when National team debutant Goran Josifovski slotted his shot into the bottom-left corner of the goal from an Adrian Vizzari pass.

Qantas Futsalroos captain Andrew Nolan doubled his teams lead in the 19th minute with a deft back-heel, but Korea Republic scored two quick goals just before half-time to level the score going into the break.

Korea take the lead in the opening minute of the second half, but Lachlan Wright equalised a minute later with a great solo effort.

Adrian Vizzari gave the Qantas Futsalroos the lead again in the 34th minute after he latched onto an Andrew Nolan pass following some good build-up play. In the 38th minute Goran Josifovski scored his second, and put the game beyond doubt, with a screaming shot into the roof of the net.

Korea Republic rallied late and pegged another goal back from a 10 metre penalty in the 40th minute, but from the restart the Qantas Futsalroos defence held firm under a torrent of pressure and the score line remained unchanged up to the final whistle.

The win puts the Qantas Futsalroos at the top of pool B and all they require is at least a draw against Macau tomorrow to advance to the AFC Futsal Championship which will be held in Uzbekistan next month.

"We went into the tournament as underdogs, but tonight we proved that we deserved to go to Uzbekistan after beating the higher ranked teams from Hong Kong and Korea Republic," said Qantas Futsalroos coach, Scott Gilligan

"The boys dug deep against the Koreans and produced one of the best performances that I have ever seen by an Australian Men's Futsal team."

"We are now looking to complete a clean sweep, which was our goal for the tournament, by beating Macau tomorrow. Another good performance in that match will also help us in our preparations for Uzbekistan in May."

**Match Details**  
Australia 5 (Goran Josifovski

12'/38', Andrew Nolan 19', Lachlan Wright 22', Adrian Vizzari 34')  
Korea Republic 4 (Lee Sang Keun 20'/21', Song Ho Young 20'/40')

Australia starting five: Gavin O'Brien (gk), Scott Manson, Miles Downie, Andrew Nolan (c), Lachlan Wright.

Substitutes: Goran Josifovski, Christopher Zeballos, Adrian Vizzari, Andrew Paine, Trent Flannigan, Luke Haydon  
Substitutes not used: Peter Spathis (gk)  
Not in line-up: Keenan Duimpies, Elia Saloum

### AFC Futsal Championship Qualifying tournament

Pool B - Results & Fixtures  
Round 1 - 20 April 2006

Qantas Futsalroos 3 - Hong Kong 2  
Korea Republic 8 - Macau 1

Round 2 - 21 April 2006

Qantas Futsalroos 5 - Korea Republic 4  
Hong Kong 14 - Macau 2

Round 3 - 22 April 2006

Qantas Futsalroos v Macau  
Korea Republic v Hong Kong

Group B - Points Table

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1. Australia	2	2	0	0	8	6	2	6
2. Hong Kong	2	1	0	1	16	5	11	3
3. Korea Rep	2	1	0	1	12	5	7	3
4. Macau	2	0	0	2	2	22	-20	0

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## MATILDS EAGER TO ENTER ASIA WITH A VICTORY



The Qantas Matildas will be looking to get their first Asian Football Confederation tournament off to a good start after drawing Korea Republic in the opening match of the 2006 AFC Women's Championships.

Head Coach Tom Sermanni who attend the draw in Adelaide said that the first match against Korea Republic was the most crucial of all the pool games.

"The most critical game will be the opening one without a doubt," said Sermanni.  
"If we lose that match it puts a great deal of pressure on us. Having said that I'm glad we do have a tough match first up as it means the team will be focussed right from the first game."

The draw for the nine-nation tournament to be held in Adelaide during July was made today with the nations split into two groups with Australia up against two-time defending champion DPR Korea, Korea Republic, Thailand and Myanmar. The other group is China PR, Japan, Chinese Taipei and Vietnam. The top two teams from each group go

through to the Semi Finals.

Sermanni conceded he would have preferred to have been drawn in the group of four teams, meaning one less pool match.

"My preference would have been to be in the group of four but the way the draw has worked out it has nullified my concerns because we get a break between our two toughest matches," added Sermanni.

"The two most difficult matches are the Koreans but we have to not dismiss the other teams lightly because they had to overcome some hurdles to make it this far and they won't be coming just to make up the numbers."

"We are looking forward to getting the home town support from South Australian sporting fans."

The 2006 AFC Women's Championships double as the qualifiers for the 2007 Women's World Championship to be held in China.

In addition to China getting automatic entry to the World Championships as host, the Asian region receives another two full spots plus a third team will play off against a team from CONCACAF.

Therefore the finalists from Adelaide will qualify for the World Championships while the winner of the third/fourth playoff will then have to defeat a team from CONCACAF to win a place at the World Championships. However should China make the final in Adelaide then the other finalist will qualify directly for the World Championships alongside the winner of the third/fourth playoff. The fourth placed team will then attempt to qualify against a nation from CONCACAF.





# JUNIOR LEAGUES



Milo Boys East 16 A: Round 1: Bulleen Bye , Manningham 4 Ashburton 1, Riversdale Raiders 4 East Bentleigh 3, Glen Waverley 4 Doncaster Rovers 0, Nunawading City 8 Sherbrooke Rangers 0

Milo Boys East 16 B: Round 1: Manningham Bye , Mooroolbark Eastern Lions , Boronia 10 Glen Eira 2, Richmond 0 Boroondara Lions 3, North Caulfield Bye1

Milo Boys East 15 A: Round 1: Manningham 0 South Springvale 0, Doncaster Rovers 0 Boronia 3, Knox City 0 South Melbourne 0, Richmond 0 Bulleen 6, North Caulfield 8 Sherbrooke Rangers 0

Milo Boys East 15 B: Round 1: East Bentleigh Brandon Park , Glen Waverley 0 Westvale 0, Boronia 0 Doncaster Rovers 0, Nunawading City 3 Eastern Lions 1, North Caulfield 0 Croydon City Arrows 4

Milo Boys East 15 C: Round 1: Mooroolbark Bye , Bye1 Richmond , Caulfield Utd 2 Ashburton 2, Ringwood City 3 Port Melbourne 0, Manningham 2 Boroondara Lions 7

Milo Boys East 14 A: Round 1: Eastern Lions Bye , Riversdale Raiders 1 Nunawading City 2, Kingston City 2 Glen Waverley 1, Richmond 1 Bulleen 2, Caulfield Utd 3 Sherbrooke Rangers 2

Milo Boys East 14 B: Round 1: Manningham 6 Clayton 0, Melbourne Utd 3 Glen Eira 2, Springvale City 1 Bulleen 2, Oakleigh 5 Whitehorse Eagles 0, North Caulfield 0 Southern Stars 2

Milo Boys East 14 C: Round 1: Brighton 2 Croydon City Arrows 3, Doncaster Rovers 0 Stonnington City 1, Knox City Berwick City , Beaumaris 5 Nunawading City 1, Mooroolbark 2 Glen Waverley 0

Milo Boys East 14 D: Round 1: Glen Eira 2 Ringwood City 4, Chelsea Boronia , Eastern Lions 3 Doncaster Rovers 2, Ashburton 1 Manningham 2, Hampton 1 East Bentleigh 3

Milo Boys East 13 A: Round 1: South Melbourne Bye , Riversdale Raiders 6 Clayton 2, Doncaster Rovers 5 Port Melbourne 2, Oakleigh 4 Bulleen 3, North Caulfield 2 Croydon City Arrows 0

Milo Boys East 13 B: Round 1: Kingston City Bye , Manningham 0 Monash City 1, Ashburton 0 Boronia 7, Richmond 0 Eastern Lions 1, Nunawading City 0 Sherbrooke Rangers 2

Milo Boys East 13 C: Round 1: Ringwood City Bye , Caulfield Utd Brandon Park , Glen Waverley 4 Mooroolbark 2, Springvale City Bye , North Caulfield 1 Richmond 1

Milo Boys East 13 D: Round 1: Croydon City Arrows Bye , Glen Eira 0 East Bentleigh 4, Ashburton 6 Glen Waverley 2, Boronia 1 Doncaster Rovers 5, North Caulfield 2 Boroondara Lions 1

Milo Boys East 12 A: Round 1: Glen Waverley Bye , Bulleen 0 Box Hill Inter 3, East Bentleigh Monash City , Knox City 0 South Melbourne 4, Whitehorse 3 Richmond 2

Milo Boys East 12 B: Round 1: Ringwood City 2 Croydon City Arrows 1, Doncaster Rovers 4 Glen Waverley 0, Stonnington City 2 Riversdale Raiders 1, Oakleigh 2 Bulleen 1, North Caulfield BYE

Milo Boys East 12 C: Round 1: Ashburton 0 Brandon Park 6, Melbourne United 7 Boroondara Lions 0, Eastern Lions 8 Mooroolbark 2, Waverley Wanderers 1 Bulleen 1, North Caulfield BYE

Milo Boys East 12 D: Round 1: Manningham 2 Clayton 2, Riversdale Raiders 1 Knox City 6, Eastern Lions 3 Doncaster Rovers 1, North Caulfield BYE , Croydon City Arrows BYE

Milo Boys East 12 E: Round 1: Frankston Strikers Croydon City Arrows , Ringwood City 3 Caulfield United 0, Northcote City Bye1 , Bentleigh Greens Bye2 , Whitehorse Eagles 3 Richmond 2

Milo Boys East 11 Kangaroos Green: Round 1: Box Hill Inter 4 Croydon City Arrows 1, Doncaster Rovers 5 Boronia 0, Eastern Lions 0 South Melbourne 19, Oakleigh 2 Glen Waverley 0, North Caulfield 1 Richmond 2

Milo Boys East 11 Kangaroos Purple: Round 1: South Melbourne Bye , Bulleen 0 Monash City 0, Doncaster Rovers 1 Boronia 2, Nunawading City 2 Stonnington City 1, Riversdale Raiders 0 Richmond 0

Milo Boys East 11 Joeys Orange: Round 1: Ringwood City Bye , East Bentleigh Clayton , Knox Utd 7 Doncaster Rovers 1, Eastern Lions 0 Bulleen 11, North Caulfield 3 Richmond 0

Milo Boys East 11 Joeys Blue: Round 1: Croydon City Arrows Bye , Bulleen 1 Ashburton 0, Manningham 1 Nunawading City 1, Kingston City 0 Caulfield Utd 4, Richmond 0 East Bentleigh 4

Milo Boys East 11 Joeys Red: Round 1: Melbourne Utd Bye , Ashburton Brandon Park , Knox City 0 Doncaster Rovers 2, Richmond 4 Glen Eira 1, North Caulfield 0 Sherbrooke Rangers 5

Milo Boys East 11 Joeys Yellow: Round 1: Riversdale Raiders Bye , Glen Eira 2 Port Melbourne 8, Monash City 1 Mooroolbark 0, Springvale City 4 Boroondara Lions 1, Ringwood City 8 Glen Waverley 0

Milo Boys N/W 16 B: Round 1: Meadow Park 7 Watsonia Heights 1, Altona East Keilor Wolves , Lalor Utd 0 Maribyrnong Greens 2, Altona City 4 Sydenham Park 0, Werribee City 3 Broadmeadows Utd 1

Milo Boys N/W 14 B: Round 1: Gisborne Bye , Sunshine Georgies 2 North Sunshine Eagles 3, Altona East 0 Light Utd 0, Sunbury Utd Bundoora , Essendon Royals 2 Sydenham Park 0

Milo Boys N/W 14 C: Round 1: Flemington Eagles Bye , Northcote City 6 Watsonia Heights 0, Lalor Utd 0 Werribee City 0, Williamstown Bye1 , Altona City 6 Essendon Royals 0

Milo Boys N/W 13 B: Round 1: Brunswick Zebras 6 Brunswick City 0, North Coburg United 3 Heidelberg Utd 0, Hoppers Crossing 1 Fawkner 7, Laverton Park 1 Epping City 7, Mill Park 0 North Sunshine Eagles 0

Milo Boys N/W 13 C: Round 1: Melbourne Lions Mill Park , Westvale Whittlesea Utd , Sunshine Heights 0 Brimbank City 3, Altona City 0 Brunswick Zebras 3, Plenty Valley Lions 1 Keilor Wolves 1

Milo Boys North 16 A: Round 1: Brunswick Zebras Brunswick City , Bundoora 8 Clifton Hill Utd 0, Light Utd Moreland Utd , Heidelberg Stars 4 Epping City 0, Eltham North 0 North Coburg Utd 3

Milo Boys North 15 A: Round 1: Brunswick Zebras 1 Brunswick City 2, Bundoora 4 Eltham North 2, Plenty Valley Lions 0 Preston Lions 10, Essendon Royals 3 Whittlesea Utd 1, Whittlesea Stallions 9 Moreland Wolves 1

Milo Boys North 15 B: Round 1: Carlton Youth FC Bye , Lalor Heidelberg Utd , Light Utd Yarraville , Brimbank City 7 Brunswick Zebras 2, Northcote City 10 Sunbury United 0

Milo Boys North 14 A: Round 1: Moreland Utd Bye , Brunswick Zebras 2 Eltham North 2, Bundoora 0 Fawkner 0, Essendon Royals 2 Epping City 0, Hume Utd 0 North Coburg Utd 0

Milo Boys North 13 A: Round 1: Light Utd Eltham North , Bendigo Amateur Soccer League 2 Moreland City 0, Lalor Utd 2 Bundoora 5, Essendon Royals 3 Epping City 0, Whittlesea Stallions 2 Diamond Valley Utd 2

Milo Boys North 12 A: Round 1: Epping City 1 Brunswick City 3, Bundoora 1 Heidelberg Utd 0, Sunbury Utd 1 Fawkner 2, Essendon Royals 7 North City Lions 1, Hume Utd 0 North Coburg Utd 5

Milo Boys North 12 B: Round 1: Brunswick Zebras 3 Eltham North 2, Bendigo Amateur Soccer League 6 Moreland City 0, Lalor Utd 0 Fawkner 1, Light Utd Epping City , Whittlesea Stallions 7 Preston Lions 1

Milo Boys North 12 C: Round 1: Fawkner Bye , Bye1 Banyule City , Meadow Park 5 Whittlesea Stallions 1, Plenty Valley Lions 0 Bundoora 6,

Eltham North 0 Clifton Hill Utd 3

Milo Boys North 12 D: Round 1: Youth Utd 1 Greenvale Utd 4, Broadmeadows Utd 5 Watsonia Heights 4, Alphington Moreland Utd , Essendon Royals 6 Brunswick Zebras 0, Hume Utd 3 Moreland Wolves 0

Milo Boys North 11 Kangaroos Green: Round 1: Bundoora Bye , Brunswick Zebras 2 Brunswick City 1, Preston Lions Heidelberg Utd , Heidelberg Stars 3 Epping City 1, Eltham North 0 North City Lions 5

Milo Boys North 11 Kangaroos Purple: Round 1: Light Utd Bye , Clifton Hill Utd 0 Whittlesea Stallions 2, Bye Moreland City , Essendon Royals 9 Brunswick Zebras 0, Melbourne Knights 7 North City Lions 2

Milo Boys North 11 Joeys Blue: Round 1: Fawkner Bye , Diamond Valley Utd 2 Watsonia Heights 0, Lalor Utd 0 Moreland Utd 3, Essendon Royals 1 Epping City 0, Brunswick City 2 North Coburg Utd 2

Milo Boys West 16 A: Round 1: Laverton Park 1 Gisborne 3, Sunbury Utd 3 Sunshine Heights 0, WVSA 1 Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 4, Western Eagles 0 Albion Rovers 8, Keilor Park 4 St Albans 1

Milo Boys West 15 A: Round 1: Sunshine Georgies 4 North Sunshine Eagles 1, Melton 11 Hoppers Crossing 1, Brimbank 2 Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 0, Altona Magic 4 Avondale Heights 0, Keilor Park 5 St Albans 3

Milo Boys West 14 A: Round 1: Hoppers Crossing Bye , Laverton Park 0 Green Gully 2, Brimbank 0 Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 4, Altona City 0 Albion Rovers 0, Keilor Park 5 St Albans 0

Milo Boys West 13 A: Round 1: Sunshine Georgies 3 Green Gully 3, Melbourne Knights 0 Sunshine Heights 6, Werribee City 1 Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 2, Western Eagles 2 Sydenham Park 2, Keilor Park 5 Williamstown 1

Milo Boys West 12 A: Round 1: Green Gully 1 Keilor Park 0, Werribee City 7 Hoppers Crossing 0, Brimbank 3 Albion Rovers 1, Altona City 7 Sydenham Park 0, Melbourne Knights 10 Sunshine Heights 0

Milo Boys West 12 B: Round 1: Sunshine Georgies 1 Green Gully 0, Melton 0 Gisborne 1, Brimbank 1 Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 0, Altona City 0 Avondale Heights 3, Keilor Park 1 St Albans 0

Milo Boys West 11 Kangaroos Green: Round 1: WVSA Bye , Green Gully 1 Keilor Park 0, Flemington Eagles Hoppers Crossing , Altona City 7 Albion Rovers 0, Bye Gisborne

Milo Boys West 11 Joeys Blue: Round 1: Satellite City Utd Bye , Maribyrnong Greens Bye , Brimbank 0 Werribee City 1, Laverton Park 1 Avondale Heights 4, Keilor Park Williamstown

Milo Boys West 11 Joeys Red: Round 1: St Albans Bye , Sunshine Georgies 1 Green Gully 1, Bendigo Amateur Soccer League 3 Sunbury Utd 2, Bye Gisborne , Altona City 4 Sydenham Park 1

Milo Boys S/E 16 Super League: Round 1: Bulleen 7 South Eastern Piranhas 2, Doncaster Rovers 2 Knox City 7, Bentleigh Greens 1 South Melbourne 3, Oakleigh 2 Glen Waverley 3, Whitehorse Eagles 2 Southern Stars 4

Milo Boys S/E 15 Super League: Round 1: Whitehorse Bye , Bulleen 2 Noble Park 0, Doncaster Rovers Box Hill Inter , Kingston City 3 South Melbourne 0, Beaumaris 1 Gippsland Soccer League 2

Milo Boys S/E 14 Super League: Round 1: Bulleen 0 Box Hill Inter 3, Endeavour Utd 1 Knox City 2, Chelsea 1 South Melbourne 3, Beaumaris 1 Manningham 3, Whitehorse 1 Doncaster Rovers 4

Milo Boys S/E 13 Super League: Round 1: Bulleen 7 Baxter 0, Monash City 0 Box Hill Inter 0, Knox City 1 Mornington 2, Beaumaris 0 Nunawading City 1, Gippsland Soccer League 1 Dandenong City 0

Milo Boys N/W 16 Super League: Round 1: Green Gully 3 Melbourne Knights 3, Preston Lions Hoppers Crossing , Brimbank 3

Fawkner 0, Essendon Royals 2 Sydenham Park 2, Whittlesea Stallions 6 North City Lions 1

Milo Boys N/W 15 Super League: Round 1: Green Gully 0 Keilor Park 0, Altona East 2 Fawkner 1, Brimbank 11 Moreland United 0, Essendon Royals 1 Epping City 3, Melbourne Knights 1 North Coburg Utd 1

Milo Boys N/W 14 Super League: Round 1: Green Gully 0 Keilor Park 1, Bendigo Amateur Soccer League 3 Williamstown 0, Brimbank 2 Fawkner 4, Albury-Wodonga 4 Melbourne Knights 2, Preston Lions 0 North Coburg Utd 2

Milo Boys N/W 13 Super League: Round 1: Green Gully 2 Keilor Park 3, Bundoora 2 Hoppers Crossing 2, Altona Magic 1 Fawkner 4, Essendon Royals 1 Epping City 0, Melbourne Knights 2 Preston Lions 0

Milo Boys Metro 18 Blue: Round 1: Brunswick City Bye , Lalor United 1 Doncaster Rovers 1, Green Gully 4 Port Melbourne 3, Altona Magic 7 Heidelberg Utd 3, Oakleigh 1 Bulleen 5

Milo Boys Metro 18 Orange: Round 1: Springvale City Bye , Bye1 Mooroolbark , Brighton 3 Glen Waverley 1, Langwarrin 17 Rosebud 1, Mornington 2 Sherbrooke Rangers 3

Milo Boys Metro 18 Purple: Round 1: Brimbank Bye , Gisborne 1 Keilor Park 7, Preston Lions Bundoora , Carlton Youth FC 3 St Albans 2, Northcote City 1 Essendon Royals 2

Milo Boys Metro 18 Yellow: Round 1: Mornington 3 Clayton 0, BYE Brighton , Glen Eira 1 Brandon Park 4, Westvale 4 Berwick City 3, Eastern Lions 3 Berwick Kings 1

Milo Boys South 12 A: Round 1: Peninsula Sandringham City , Hampton Park Utd 0 Berwick City 3, Bentleigh Greens 6 Langwarrin 0, Beaumaris 4 Brighton 1, Mornington 2 Dandenong City 4

Milo Boys South 12 B: Round 1: Brighton 2 Sandringham City 2, Langwarrin 0 Hampton 9, Chelsea Mornington , Beaumaris 3 Berwick City 0, Cranbourne Comets Seaford Utd

Milo Boys South 12 C: Round 1: Bye1 Rosebud , Berwick City Bye , Brighton 0 Baxter 3, Mornington 3 Seaford Utd 0, Sandringham City 1 Beaumaris 2

Milo Boys South 12 D: Round 1: Lyndale Utd Bye , Casey Panthers 0 Keysborough JSC 6, Harrisfield Hurricanes 7 Hampton 1, Bentleigh Greens 7 Peninsula 1, Endeavour Hills Braeside United

Milo Boys South 11 Kangaroos Green: Round 1: Hampton Bye , Brighton 3 Sandringham City 0, Berwick City 6 Cranbourne Comets 0, Beaumaris 2 Mornington 0, Heatherton Utd 3 Dandenong City 1

Milo Boys South 11 Kangaroos Purple: Round 1: Springvale White Eagles Bye , Dandenong Thunder Noble Park , Langwarrin Rosebud , Seaford Utd Mornington , Sandringham City 11 Peninsula 0

Milo Boys South 11 Joeys Blue: Round 1: Endeavour Utd 1 Sandringham City 3, Waverley Wanderers Carrum Utd , Berwick City 7 Doveton 0, Beaumaris Brighton , Baxter 0 Dandenong City 0

Milo Boys South 11 Joeys Red: Round 1: Brighton A 1 Keysborough 0, Hampton Park Utd 10 Berwick City 0, Mornington 8 Langwarrin 0, Hampton 2 Brighton B 0, Sandringham City 3 Beaumaris 0

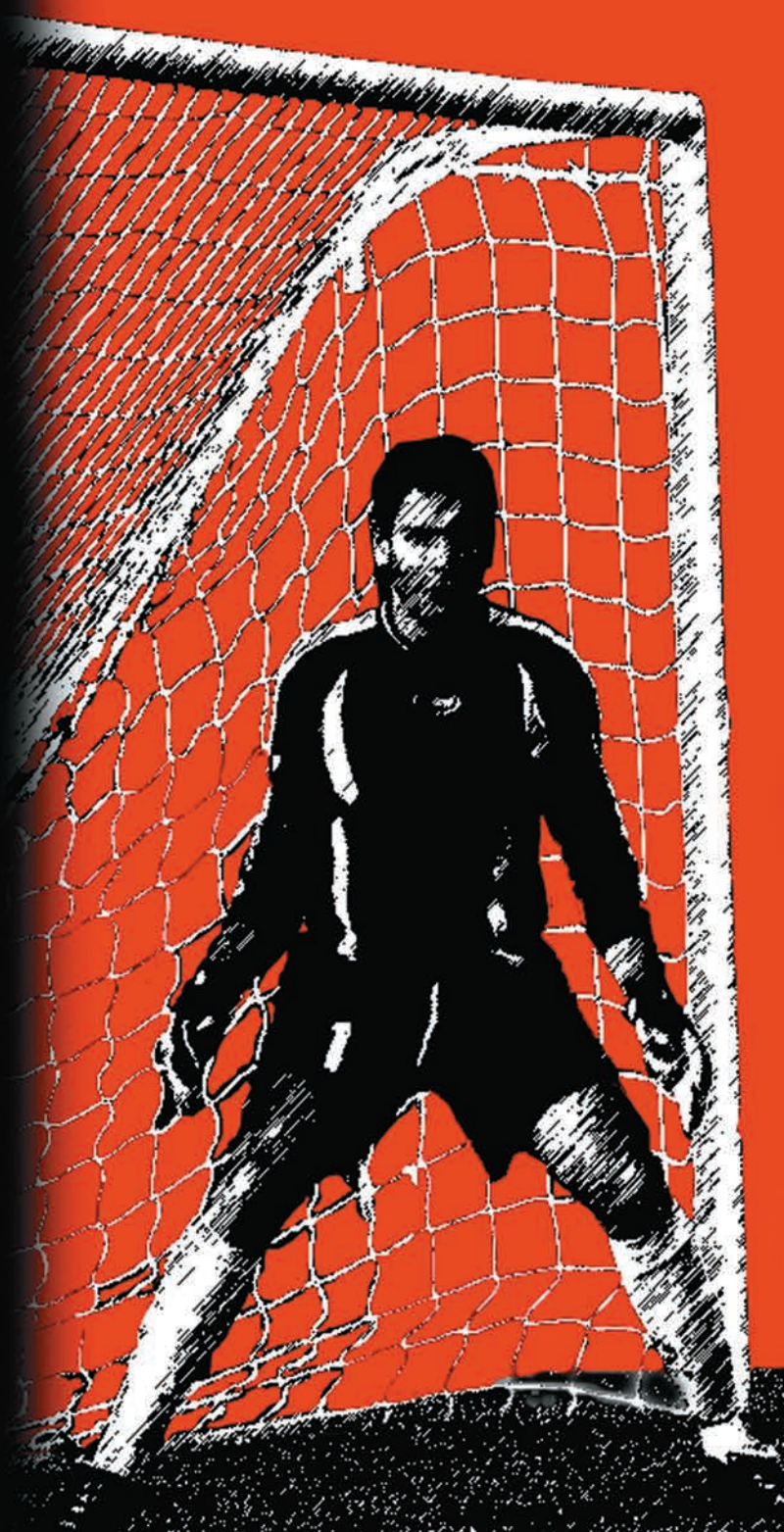
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Milo Boys South 13 B: Round 1: Brighton 1 Sandringham City 2, Hampton Park Utd 2 Carrum Utd 1, Berwick City 3 Beaumaris 1, Lyndale Utd 4 Phillip Island 0, Seaford Utd East Bentleigh

Milo Boys South 13 C: Round 1: Baxter Bye , Cranbourne Comets 7 Sandringham City 1, Langwarrin 0 Berwick City 0, Springvale White Eagles 3 Seaford Utd 1, Beaumaris 4 Brighton 2



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# VAN BASTEN PREPARES FOR GERMAN GLORY

**Marco (Marcel) van Basten was born on the 31st of October 1964 in the city of Utrecht in the Netherlands.**

Marco grew up in the Johan Cruyff era when Holland were supreme in the world of football. However, all that the Dutch had to show for their mastery during this era was two World Cup Final losses. When Cruyff eventually retired from international football, the Dutch national team fell apart. This was made all the more dramatic when Holland failed to qualify for both the 1982 and 1986 World Cup Finals.

## The revelation

The country was crying out for someone to take them back to that level that made them a potent force in the seventies. Three players were set for this footballing renaissance. They were Marco van Basten, Ruud Gullit and Frank Rijkaard.

Marco began his footballing career with the unfashionable local side, Elinwijk. It did not take Ajax long to spot his talent and on the 3rd of April 1982 (at the age of seventeen) he made his debut for the club in the Eredivisie against Nijmegen. Ironically, in this match, he replaced Johann Cruyff! To make his debut even better he scored his first ever goal at this level. For the young teenager this would be a dream start to his illustrious career.

During his five years with Ajax he built up a reputation as being the deadliest striker in Europe. Whilst at Ajax the club won the Eredivisie twice, two Dutch cups and the European Cup Winners' Cup. He played 143 league matches for Ajax and scored a staggering 128 league goals. Not surprisingly he was Holland's leading goalscorer on four occasions.

## Italy awaits Marco

In 1987 he was transferred to A.C. Milan after Rossoneri President, media magnate and future Italian Prime Minister, Silvio Berlusconi and Vice President, Adriano Galliano had been watching videos of various strikers in Europe with a view to signing the best. Their decision was as swift as van Basten's finishing in front of goal.

His first match in Italy was played on the 13th of September. His efforts were rewarded in this match with a goal in Milan's 3-1 victory in Pisa. It is also interesting to note that in 1986 the club, a founding member of the Italian Championship in 1898, were rescued from liquidation by Berlusconi after having been declared bankrupt.

In 1988, in an effort to win their first scudetto (league championship) in almost a decade Berlusconi added a further two Dutch players to his squad. Inevitably they were Ruud Gullit and Frank Rijkaard.

Even though Milan did win the league in 1988, it was a frustrating season for the superstar. An ankle injury, set to plague him throughout the remainder of his career, kept him out of the side for most of the season. He was only able to play a mere eleven matches.

## Marco takes Holland to victory

Undeterred by this setback he was able to take his place in the Dutch team for Euro 88. For the first match of the tournament, largely as the result of a lack of fitness, he was confined to the bench. After he had forced his way back into the side his form during this tournament was scintillating and it included three goals against England and a breath-taking volley, said by many critics to be the best then in footballing history, in the final against the Soviet Union. Needless to say, this is the only major trophy Holland have ever won and Marco was named the player of the tournament.

## Injury ends Marco's career

During his time with Milan he helped the club win three league championships and two European Cups, two World Club Cups and two European Super Cups. Added to these fine achievements he won three European Footballer of the Year awards, two World Player of the World awards, a FIFA World Player of the Year award and two Capocannoniere (Serie A Top Marksman) awards. His strike rate for Milan was an incredible 90 goals in 147 Serie A matches.

In 1993 his troublesome ankle eventually put paid to his football-playing career at the tender age of twenty nine. He was fortunate to end his playing career with a Serie A League Championship, European Footballer of the Year award as well as the World Footballer of the Year award. Not many sportsmen can end their playing careers at such a high point.

## Marco was no angel

What made Marco van Basten different to any other striker? He had great vision, flair, athleticism, could score goals with both feet and both literally and figuratively he used his head to great effect.

To complete the entire picture of Marco van Basten it would be fitting to also write about those incidents that also put a dent into his brilliant career:

The highly talented Dutch team were knocked out in the second round of the World Cup in Italy by Germany. In the first round they drew all three of their matches.

In 1991 he was banned for four matches after having violently elbowed an opponent in a European Cup game against Marseille. In the same year he became angry and frustrated with the Milan coach, Arrigo Sacchi, who insisted that he played up front as the lone striker. Thereafter he gave Silvio Berlusconi the 'him or me' ultimatum. Sacchi left to take up the Italian coach job.

## Tackle from behind

His last competitive match was played in the European Cup Final against Olympique de Marseille in 1993. Having just been injured in a league match prior to the final, he was given painkillers in an attempt to alleviate the pain in his ankle. A horrendous tackle from behind by Basile Boli finally ended his career. It was largely as a result of this tackle and consultation with the master himself, that FIFA, the governing body of



football around the world banned the tackle from behind.

Asked about his personal highlight, he said: "In Barcelona, before the final with Steaua, when we were in the team bus heading towards the Nou Camp and the streets were full of 90 000 of our fans, that was truly an amazing feeling."

## Gone... and back

Van Basten officially left Milan in 1995 and retired from football, stating that he would never try management. Being away from football made him soon change his mind and he took a coaching course with the Royal Netherlands Football Association. After his successful 'schooling' he was appointed as an assistant to his former team mate, John van't Schip, managing Ajax's Second team in the 2003/4 season. Having made an impact as a coach the Dutch football authorities wasted no time in appointing him as the new head coach of the Dutch National Team. Van't Schip, this time, was appointed as the assistant.

It didn't take him long to lay down the law. As a coach, he soon established himself as a man of strong principles. Like many others, he declared he would pick players only "by performance", but he was unusual in actually following this policy. Van Basten famously dropped superstars like Clar-

ence Seedorf, Patrick Kluivert or Andy van der Meyde and benched Edgar Davids and Mark van Bommel, because all five were either past their best or constantly under-achieving.

For probably the first time after the war, neither club of the "Big Three" Ajax Amsterdam, PSV Eindhoven or Feyenoord Rotterdam provided the backbone of the Eleven, but newcomer AZ Alkmaar with relatively unknown players like Denny Landzaat, Barry Opdam, Barry van Galen, Ron Vlaar, Jan Kromkamp or Joris Mathijsen. Other remarkable choices were Khalid Boulahrouz, Dirk Kuyt, Hedwiges Maduro, Ryan Babel or Romeo Castelen. To date, his selections have proven successful in rejuvenating the Dutch national side.

If Marco van Basten's highly successful playing career is anything to go by, then expect the job that he does with the Dutch Nation Team to be as clinical as his finishing in front of goal. He has the passion, vision, patience, intelligence, the will to succeed and a golden past to see him come through with flying colours (orange, of course). Odds of 12/1 in Germany on Holland's chances of lifting the Jules Rimet Trophy ahead of Brazil, England, Argentina and Germany would be a good bet.

**By Dave Cohen (SW)**



# BAYSIDE LEAGUE with STEVE GRAY

## FRANKSTON OUTLAWS IN FOCUS



The Frankston Outlaws, along with other teams originating from the Frankston Strikers, has been apart of the Bayside League for some considerable time now. During this time they have won the league four times in 1986, 1987, 1989 and finally in 1997. The 1997 championship halted six year dominance by Rosebud under the guise of the Frankston Cowboys.

In the cup competitions the Frankston teams did very well as they have won the Sands Hotel Challenge cup three times along with two Trophy-Wise League Cups.

In 2001 the Frankston Outlaws won the Division 2, the then second tier league. This unfortunately was the clubs last trophy in all competitions.

In all, the Frankston Strikers efforts in the Bayside League are very impressive and are considered one of the most successful clubs in the leagues history.

Currently the Frankston Outlaws competes

in the Division 1. The second tier league behind the Bayside Premier. Laurence Hall of the Outlaws was able to give us an insight into the Outlaws with the following Q&A

**Q. It took the third round, but The Outlaws got their first win of the season in the Division 1 away to Monash. Was it somewhat a relief to get that first win?**

A. Yes it was a great relief for the boys to finally get on the winners list, they thought it was going to be a long year, but a lot of positives came out of the game.

They have a number of players who have only played for the team this year, and the first couple of games where the first time they have played as a team, hopefully now that we know how everyone plays we can keep on winning.

**Q. The Frankston Outlaws and other teams that made up the Strikers efforts in the Bayside League in years gone past are considered one of the perennial clubs in the Bayside League, yet times are tough at the Strikers with only one club now represented in the Bayside League. Where do you see the clubs future and do you foresee resurgence in the Bayside League?**

A. The club financially is very strong, the committee is working hard on improving the club, work on updating the rooms is always going on, we have a Legends Room show-

casing our clubs past and present, the ground is looking the best it ever has. Our Senior squad is in a rebuilding phase with new coach Billy McArthur working hard with a number of junior players, we have just entered a female team which is proving to be a big bonus for the club, and we are trying to build our junior ranks which are about to kick off as well. In tersTEVE gRAYms of the Bayside many players have stopped playing for many reasons, some because they got married, had kids, moved away from the area, got too old, changed clubs etc, like in any sport people stop they may eventually go back and play again. Hopefully down the track we can see more Frankston Bayside Teams.

**Q. What is some of the memorable moments that you can recall with the Striker's Bayside efforts?**

A. As a Bayside Club we have had lots of success, from the early days at the start winning the 3MP Cup in 1979 and again in 1980, as well as the league in 1980, The Outlaws winning the league in 2001, the Cowboys winning the league and cup many times, and the Young Guns coming Runners Up in the Div 1 Cup in 2000

**Q. In regards to yourself, what was your most memorable moment?**

A. My most memorable moment in Bayside Soccer was captaining the Young Guns in the 2000 Division 1 Cup against Hampton Park

at Langwarrin, unfortunately though we lost on penalties. In VSF Soccer it was winning the Provisional League Division 1 Reserve League in 1993.

**Q. What do you considered as some of the positive aspects of participating in the Bayside League?**

A. Some of the positive aspects are that it is a social league therefore you are able to play but also have a kick and giggle with your mates.

Its still very competitive despite being a Sunday Comp. You don't have to travel very far for some games. And you even might play against English Premier League players eg Doug Hodgson.

**Q. What areas of the Bayside League do you believe needs improving?**

A. I think the Bayside League is running fairly smoothly, its great to see a female league and sub junior comps. One aspect though I would like to see, is that a complete history of the League be found ie past tables, results etc, the league has been going for 28 years and little history is left apart from current years.

More information on the Frankston Outlaws can be found at <http://www.frankstonstrikers.com>

## ROUND WRAP



Croydon Ranges and Western Port continued to keep the pressure on each other as they both recorded wins in Round 3 of the Bayside Premier League.

Western Port Wanderers recorded a very convincing 5 – 0 win over Peninsula to remain with a %100 win recorded and in the processes improved their goal for/against to one short of leaders Croydon Ranges.

Croydon Ranges conceded its first goals of the season when the Pines Condors got the ball in the back of the Ranges goals on two occasions. Yet Croydon's goal score spree continued with three goals of their own to get the better of the Pines. Despite their loss, the Pines Condors has move up a spot with now better goals average than now bottom side Peninsula.

Hampton Park United remains in third position with a vital 2 – 0 victory away to rivals Boronia Knights. Hampton Park now has the opportunity to prove if they are up to the leader's level as they next host Western Port Wanderers in what should be a cracker of a match.

Rosebud bounced back from a second round defeat to get the three points at home against Knox City. Rosebud moves into forth position whilst Knox City second loss in a row leaves them in seventh.

Bayswater may have the name Strikers tag but they are yet to prove so as it has yet to score a single goal in its first three rounds. This time at home, Bayswater and Mt Lilydale fought out a goalless draw. Mt Lilydale has bounced back from its first round defeat and must be gaining confidence as each round passes.

### Premier Reserves

Croydon Ranges hold top spot after a 7 – 2 demolition of the Condors reserves. Boronia Colts are keeping the Ranges very much in sight as they occupy second position. Defending champions Knox City was able to get the ball rolling again after

notching up their first victory away to Rosebud.



Action from Lanwarring

### Division One

In the Division 1 Langwarrin continues at the top after a frantic and very competitive match against local rivals Baxter Eagles that resulted in a 1 – 1 draw. Cerberus in the mean time moved into second place

without needing to kick a ball in round 3 due to the unfortunate satiation with Brighton as they struggle with injuries and suspensions that forced them to forfeit the match. Baxter Eagles now are in third place on five points.

### Division Two

Who can stop Parkmore? With so an incredible eight different goal scorers, Parkmore got the best of Montrose A with another four goals to make the total 20 in just three rounds. They next have a big home match against Cranbourne Comets Gold who also are undefeated and are currently in second position. Cranbourne got the win over Chelsea Old Boys.

### Division 3

Frankston Pines got their first point of the season after a eight goal feast when Frankston drew with Phillip Island 4 – 4. Tim Vanueysberge scored another two for Phillip Island to lead the goal scoring pack with a total of five. Rosebud Dinosaurs still lead the table after a 1 – 1 draw with second placed Montrose B.

By Steve Gray

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# WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE

Round 7



Box Hill Inter, Heidelberg United, Ashburton and Keilor Park all continued their recent good form with victories in Round 7 of the Vodafone WPL. Bendigo also enjoyed a return to winning ways, while South Melbourne picked up its first points for the season.

Keilor Park continued Brimbank's miserable start to the season, delivering its seventh straight defeat. With almost a third of the matches now played, Brimbank is still yet to even find the back of the net, and remains at the bottom of the ladder. Four first half goals put Keilor in the driving seat, and it added three more in the second half to round out the victory. Keilor, with its fourth triumph of the campaign, three of which have come in the last three games, now lies fourth on the ladder.

Bendigo Vipers recorded its first win in three matches with a 3-1 triumph over Eltham North at Strathfieldsaye Sports Complex on Saturday. Having gone into the match in something of a slump, Bendigo started strongly, scoring three goals without reply in the first half to leave Eltham with its work cut out in the second period. Although the visitor managed a consolation goal, it was unable to deny Bendigo its fourth win of the year. The victory lifts Bendigo to fifth on the ladder, while defeat for Eltham, its fourth of the year and second in succession, leaves it ninth.

Despite suffering its second defeat of the season, Sandringham suggested again that it a force to be reckoned with as it narrowly lost to Heidelberg United. It lead its more established WPL opponent into the half-time interval by two goals to one, but Heidelberg was able to draw on its experience to score twice in the second half, and keep Sandringham goalless. It was Heidelberg's third consecutive victory, and it remains one of only to unbeaten sides in the competition. Following this result, United maintains second position on the ladder, while Sandringham drops to sixth.

South Melbourne finally picked up its first points of the season with a two goal victory over Preston Lions at Bob Jane Stadium.

A goal in each half was enough to secure the points for the home side, which now moves level on points with its opponent. Preston, which parted company with coach Peter Lugg following its previous defeat to Keilor Park, was unable to give its new coach a winning start to his tenure, and this defeat made it five now for the season. The result gives South Melbourne the same points as Preston, but enables it to climb out of the bottom two for the first time, courtesy of a higher number of goals scored.

Ashburton proved too strong for Eastern Lions at Gardiners Creek Reserve as it cruised to its fourth victory of the year. Ashburton ran in five unanswered goals to end the Lions runs of victories and continue its own good form. Eastern Lions was once again competitive for the first 45 minutes, conceding only once, but it was unable to match the second highest scoring team in the league after the interval, subsequently conceding a further four goals. Ashburton moves up to third on the ladder following its fifth match unbeaten, while Eastern Lions is eighth.

The much anticipated Grand Final rematch proved to be yet another close encounter, with a solitary goal once again all that separated the sides. Cranbourne Comets suffered its second defeat of the season, both of which have come at Comets Stadium, meaning that it is the first time in recent memory that Cranbourne has lost more than one game in a season. A single first half goal was enough to secure the three points for Box Hill Inter and ensure that it remains both unbeaten, and on the top of the ladder. Cranbourne meanwhile,



Box Hill Melissa Barbieri points the way to her Comets opponent.

slips to seventh.

Round 8 begins at Wembley Park on Friday evening, as Box Hill Inter looks to consolidate its lead at the top of the ladder when it takes on Preston Lions. Saturday's matches see two of the competition's strugglers, South Melbourne and Brimbank, face off against each other, and Bendigo Vipers take on Cranbourne Comets, as Bendigo looks to take advantage of Cranbourne's inconsistency. On Sunday, Sandringham will face another tough challenge as it travels to Keilor Park Reserve to take on a free-scoring Keilor park side, while Ashburton Park will see action between Ashburton and Eltham North. Finally, Heidelberg United will be aiming to keep up the pressure at the top of the ladder as it hosts Eastern Lions at Olympic Village.

By Niki Cook

## ROUND 7 RESULTS

Brimbank 0 Keilor Park 7 (C Baxendale, M Camilleri 3, K Nicolaci 2, O Rahme) (HT: 0-4), Bendigo Vipers 3 (P Conder, E Wolters 2) Eltham North 1 (HT: 3-0), Sandringham 2 (E Avram, A Good) Heidelberg United 3 (S Groenewald 2, R Mankowska) (HT: 2-1), Cranbourne Comets 0 Box Hill Inter 1 (A McMillan) (HT: 0-1), South Melbourne 2 (N Cook, L Hodgkin) Preston Lions 0 (HT: 1-0), Eastern Lions 0 Ashburton 5 (S Erenli, A Gibney 2, G Koca, A Jackson) (HT: 0-1)

## Reserves

Brimbank 0 Keilor Park 7, Bendigo Vipers 2 Eltham North 1, Sandringham 3 Heidelberg United 2, Cranbourne Comets 3 Box Hill Inter 0, South Melbourne 1 Preston Lions 1, Eastern Lions 0 Ashburton 2

## WPL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	T
Box Hill Inter	6	6	0	0	21	3	18	
Heidelberg United	6	5	1	0	31	7	16	
Ashburton	6	4	1	1	28	4	13	
Keilor Park WSC	6	4	0	2	24	15	12	
Bendigo Vipers WSC	6	4	0	2	15	15	12	
Sandringham	7	3	2	2	19	6	11	
Cranbourne Comets WSC	6	3	1	2	14	8	10	
Eastern Lions	7	3	0	4	8	12	9	
Eltham North	7	2	1	4	5	11	7	
South Melbourne	7	1	0	6	10	31	3	
Preston Lions	7	1	0	6	5	26	3	
Brimbank WSC	7	0	0	7	0	42	0	

## ROUND 8 FIXTURES

- BOX HILL INTER  
V  
PRESTON LIONS  
Wembley Park,  
Box Hill Mel: 61 F1  
Friday 28th April  
KO 8.30pm
- BENDIGO VIPERS  
V  
CRANBOURNE COMETS  
Strathfieldsaye Complex,  
Club Court, Bendigo  
Saturday 29th April  
KO 2.30pm
- SOUTH MELBOURNE  
V  
BRIMBANK  
Bob Jane Stadium,  
Albert Park MEL:2K F6  
Saturday 29th April  
KO 3pm
- HEIDELBERG UNITED  
V  
EASTERN LIONS  
Olympic Village,  
H'berg West MEL:19 D11  
Sunday 30th April  
KO 1pm
- KEILOR PARK  
V  
SANDRINGHAM  
Keilor Park Reserve,  
Keilor MEL:15 B5  
Sunday 30th April  
KO 1pm
- ASHBURTON  
V  
ELTHAM NORTH  
Ashburton Park,  
Ashburton MEL:60 F9  
Sunday 30th April  
KO 3pm

## TOP SCORERS

- Avram, Evgenia 6  
De Boer, Michelle 6  
Pacella, Belinda 4  
Erenli, Seyma 4  
Lovett, Sarah 4  
Pannella, Belinda 3  
Terek, Leigh 3  
Nicolaci, Kylie 3



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Monday 24 April





# BOO'S WORLD

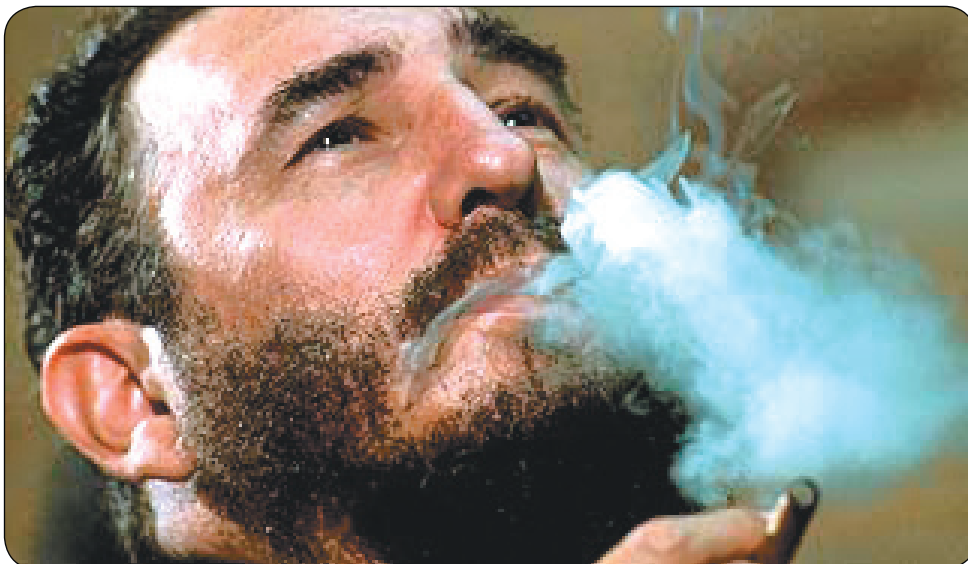
irical look at the World of Football according to Mark Boric

Some controversy in the Arsenal v Tottenham clash over the weekend, with Arsenal claiming Spurs should have kicked the ball out of play when two Arsenal players collided and then feigned injury. The same Arsenal fans winging about this and extolling the virtues of fair play haven't suggested Thierry Henry should have put the ball out of play rather than score as the referee seemed to have missed the fouls by Adebayor on Stalteri in the build-up.

One more thing on Spurs, in relation to the Manchester United game: Kids do all your Coerver tricks all you like but don't end up like Lee Young-Pyo. No point in being able to perform endless step-overs if you can't kick the ball out of your own penalty box when you have time to spare. As Gob in Arrested Development says "Tricks are what a whore does for money".

The New Zealand Knights could learn a lot from Arsenal in terms of being successful as a club competing in a foreign league. Why the EPL feels compelled to support French football by allowing a club of theirs in the league I am unsure.

Speaking of the New Zealand Knights, strong rumours exist (Total Football on FoxSports) that a fellow Goal! Weekly columnist is in line to assume the coaching role over there. I would still hope that Katsa would manage to keep in touch with the odd column here and there if he gets the gig.



**Fidel...Pending FFV clearance and could be next heading to the Frankston Pines.**

If the rules allowed it, I firmly believe Fidel Richards should play at least once for every club in the Vodafone Cup this season. Hopefully he could also join New Zealand Knights who have just signed Che Bunce. Fidel and Che together again...

According to a headline on the FFV website the "FFV Tribunal stands firm on the rules of competition". An un-named player from St Albans Saints has been banned for three years for an incident which is not really explained. Don't remember any triumphant headlines on the site last season, when we could have had "FFV backs down on rules, South Melbourne and Preston Lions given back points".

Injury scares to Tim Cahill, Mark Viduka and Harry Kewell lately. Time for the FFA to order in a great big supply of cotton wool.

No news from Melbourne Victory on their progress in signing Brazilians. The main news out of the Victory camp lately is media manager Tony Ising cracking down on the growing hooligan culture within the ranks of the supporters. Speaking to Mirko Ozkulovic, a self-styled Ultra of some renown, recently I get the feeling this heavy handed approach has not gone down too well.

Until next week, Who's gonna take you home tonight?



Thanks to Melbourne's newest soccer depot, Soccer Scene, Goal! Weekly will be giving away a Patrick soccer ball each week to the first correct entry of the Soccer Scene "Question of the Week."

**This week's question is:**  
**Which player won the 2005 Bill Fleming Medal?**

**Send in your entry today to:**  
**competition@goalweekly.com**

## A QUESTION OF SPORT

1. Where will this year's Champions League Final take place?
2. How much has Foxtel paid for the rights to broadcast future A-League and Socceroo matches.
3. Craig Platt has transferred from Sunshine Georgies to which other Vodafone Cup side?
4. How many time has Liverpool won the FA Cup?
5. Who plays at the Grange Reserve?
6. What is the nickname of Stuart Munro's former English club Bristol City?
7. Who is the coach of the Matildas?
8. True or False? There are over 350,000 registered football player in Australia.
9. Who is the captain of Altona Magic?
10. How many Weetbix does Tim Cahill have in the morning?

## ON THE BOX

**The FFV Football Show**  
Channel 31  
Wednesday, 9pm  
Featuring Vodafone Cup highlights of  
Oakleigh Cannons v South Melbourne  
Green Gully v Melbourne Knights

**The Green Gully Soccer Show**  
Channel 31  
Saturdays, 10.30am

**EPL, Fulham v Wigan**  
Fox Sports 1  
Tuesday 25th April, 5am

**Champions League, 1st Semi Final**  
**Villareal v Arsenal**  
SBS & ESPN  
Wednesday 26th April, 4.30am

**Champions League, 2nd Semi Final**  
**Barcelona v AC Milan**  
SBS & ESPN  
Thursday 26th April, 4.30am

**EPL, Chelsea v Man Utd**  
Fox Sports 2  
Saturday 29th April, 9.30pm

**EPL, TBA v TBA**  
Fox Sports 2  
Saturday 29th April, 11.55pm

**EPL, Charlton v Blackburn**  
Fox Sports 2  
Sunday 30th April, 2.15am

**The World Game**  
SBS  
Sundays, 2pm - 5.30pm

## ON THE AIRWAVES

**The Sunday Roast Show**  
Casey Radio 97.7FM  
Sunday, 2-5pm  
Featuring coverage of the Vodafone Cup with Paul Jefferies.

**The 90th Minute**  
SEN 1116  
Sundays 5pm onwards  
With Michael Zappone and  
former Socceroo legend Paul Trimboli.

**Monday Night Football**  
96.5 Inner FM  
Mondays 8pm  
Featuring coverage  
of the Vodafone Cup with John Canaglia.

## FOOTBALL FUNNY

Here's an amusing piece that was sent in to GW by John from The Basin. It actually first appeared in the Sydney Morning Herald, July 26, 1937.

**GOALKEEPER IN OVERCOAT**  
NEWCASTLE, Sunday,

Australian representative Soccer goalkeeper, J. McNabb, played in an overcoat for the second half of the game in which his club, Weston, beat Aberdare, by 7 goals to 1 on Saturday.

Icy rain poured down during the match, and a club supporter rushed out with the coat to McNabb, who accepted it gratefully. On the few occasions on which play came towards him he took off the coat and kicked the ball and then put the coat on again.

## QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Paris
2. 120 million
3. Frankston Pines
4. Five
5. Kingston City
6. The Robbins
7. Tom Sermant
8. True
9. Steven Mikhela
10. About seven or eight



**The 90th Minute - SEN 1116**  
**Every Sunday 5pm Onwards**  
**With Michael Zappone and Paul Trimboli**





In this week's GW Mailbag referee Chris Tolan, who officiated the Round 7 Vodafone Cup match between Kingston City and Green Gully, has responded to criticism of his handling of the match which produced eight yellow cards and three red cards. For sending in his letter to the GW Mailbag, Chris wins a Apacer MP3 Player courtesy of the Harvey Norman store in Cranbourne.

Dear Goal Weekly,

In response to your Green Gully infomercial last week from Sylvan, let's have the perspective of another side. I was the referee of the Kingston v Green Gully fixture. Whilst I do not for one minute feel that it is the right or responsibility of a referee to have to explain his adjudications in a public forum, I feel if public forums are to publish antagonistic and biased reports of matches/ incidents then a balanced reply ought not hurt.

I am in my 3rd year of refereeing at Victoria's premier level and whilst proving a demanding, testing environment, it provides its rewards of enjoyment. As with Forest's "Life is like a box of chocolates" so is receiving your VPL appointments. I have had the 'pleasure' of refereeing Gully on four occasions so far, @ Frankston Pines, home to Bentleigh Greens, home to Richmond and @ Kingston. Three of those have proved to be amongst my toughest assignments due to the physical intimidation of their opposition and their verbal intimidation of the referee, as in the old adage, give them an inch they'll take a yard. The greatest of regrets of a referee is you can only punish what you see. In the Bentleigh Greens fixture, a 2nd half substitute, a young kid was welcomed by his ex NSL opponent F\*k with a smack in the mouth. Unseen, unpunished. In the Richmond fixture, whilst I was tending to a substitution, Noel Bahnsen was smacked in the mouth by an ex NSL opponent F\*k. Regrettably Bahnsen was sent off for his retribution minutes later. Gully fixtures regularly entail the masses descending on the referee for the award of any punishment against the Gully. As experience wisens one, I have contracted not to accept that level of abuse.

On to Sylvan's match "report". As he was so selective in isolating noteworthy incidents, I will give you my chronology:

3 mins Markovski GG cautioned for dissent for introducing himself into a situation, aggressively, that had nothing to do with him.

6 mins Penalty awarded to Kingston for a player charging into the back of an opponent, headed towards goal-line, 10 yds outside the left hand post

10 mins Vassalo GG cautioned for late tackle on opponent, after he had played the ball forward from 10 yds. Inside his own half out on the left touchline.

16 mins Vargas GG cautioned at the next stoppage in play for previous comment, at the top of his voice, audible to main body of spectators " Hit the c\*\*t". Very fortunate to receive yellow for what could have without argument been red.

61 mins Fak dangerous tackle upon an opponent

77 mins Marth, 2mins after introduction as substitute, sent off for striking (Just for clarification, Sylvan) IO-SOFIDIS in an off the ball incident.

87mins Vargas GG receives second caution for unsporting behavior in that he dangerously challenged a goalkeeper in possession of the ball. Second caution in same match..... sent off.

90 mins Schwalger GG Dissent for running 60 yards to remonstrate with the referee who had already stopped play to caution the opponent perpetrator.

Intermingled were 4 Kingston cautions,54, 68, 71 & 90 mins 3 for late tackles Konstas & Papadopoulos brothers, 1 for a Spiteri tackle from behind.

I believe it to be a dangerous practice for 'Goal Weekly' to engage in the publication of articles (Sylvan, Melbourne in Goal Weekly Mailbag, page 29, season 2 issue 10) so obviously slanted with the object of slighting the official by ulterior motive. Your publication is surely intended to cater for the popularity of the sport rather than puppeteer to the indifferences or deficiencies of the affected or afflicted.

Sylvan, you seem obviously sympathetic or close to Gully. Ask for a look @ their video footage. Should you be fortunate enough to have it forthcoming, be sure and remove your rose coloured glasses before viewing, you may end up a more balanced individual.

Happy Easter Sylvan, see you back in four weeks (Unless of course last night's appeal went to form, in which case we will see you next week)

Christopher Tolan.



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Four weeks of coaching stability in the Vodafone Cup, as promised last week I will place the number of weeks since there has been a coaching change in the Premier League at the beginning of Katsa's Korner each week.

Now that we are talking numbers, "One is the loneliest number that I've ever seen", an old Johnny Farnham tune, is the CD played by coaches on the way to meetings with Club powerbrokers, who inevitably provide them with the address to the nearest Centrelink Office.

One being the number of supporters that an outgoing Coach has when he is on the way out, this one person can be easily seen when the Coach looks in the mirror.

I have been asked why my fascination with Coaching changes. Very simple, the smart readers will understand the sarcasm regarding this issue. A good coach does not become a bad coach overnight, however club powerbrokers that have to manage volatile supporters need to find a scapegoat for their team's failure.

There were no matches played last weekend due to Easter, with the exception of the Preston Lions vs Oakleigh Canons match played

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH EAST DIV 1 WRAP

Doveton played host to newly promoted Brandon Park, with a much anticipated clash providing a highly entertaining and physical game for those in attendance.

Elvis Korcarevski opened the scoring after slipping in to the box and tapping in at the back post. Doveton held a narrow 1-0 advantage at half time, and the Brandon Park boys came out firing in the second, dominating possession and becoming more creative.

Doveton continued to impress on the counter attack, but Brandon Park finally equalized 10 minutes from time through John Waddell's plucky header in a goal mouth scramble. In the dying minutes of the game, Doveton moved forward in a well constructed attack, catching Brandon Park off guard as they went in search of the winner. The green and blacks surged forward and a controversial penalty was awarded.

The penalty was duly converted by Yeton Dogan and after a late penalty appeal to Brandon Park, the game finished 2-1 with Doveton gaining a hard earned 3 points. The win kept Doveton in touch with front-runners Southern Suburbs and White Star Dandenong after Round 3.

In other games, Southern Suburbs main-

on Easter Monday. A game of 3 halves and not two, as it took most spectators 45 minutes to exit the Car Park at Epping Stadium.

The break in all leagues did cause the soccer diehards some concern as they missed out on their weekly fix of watching four games. Anyways back to normal this weekend as all leagues matches will recommence. This brings me to a favorite Subject of mine, and one which I have taken up with the Football Federation Victoria (FFV) on many occasions in the past.

Orthodox Easter was celebrated the weekend just past, where not only did the State and Provisional League matches resume, but the Women's and junior leagues seasons commenced.

There are a very large number of players, who celebrate Orthodox Easter, who in order to fulfill their playing commitments have to play on Orthodox Easter weekend and miss out on celebrating Easter Sunday with their Families and friends. Their health is also jeopardized as they do undertake a fasting period in the week leading into Easter.

Given the large numbers of players, officials and supporters who are Christian Orthodox, it may be a worthwhile idea to also schedule Orthodox Easter weekend each year as a non playing weekend.

This issue has been one which does the rounds every year around this time; it is easily resolved and perhaps should be reviewed.

Andy O'Dell has been appointed coach for Northcote City, replacing Chris Kalafatidis who became the first coaching casualty in State League Division One. The Blues from the North certainly gave Andy a great start to his stint there, defeating North Coburg 2-1 in his first game in charge. There is one thing certain in life, and that is 99.9% of the time

tained their unbeaten start with a comprehensive 4-1 win over Rowville Eagles to go 2 points clear on top, whilst a double each from Jankovic and Rodriguez saw Noble Park continue its good form with a 4-1 win against previously undefeated Springvale City.

Croydon City notched up its first win of the season away at Monash University, with a comfortable 0-2 win away from home to move into mid-table position whilst White Star Dandenong kept up the pressure on Southern Suburbs with a convincing 3-1 win over lowly Carrum Utd.

Goalscorers for White Star were Salih, Szlawski and Szwed whilst Cameron McDonald managed to get on the scoresheet for Carrum.

The final game of the round proved to be a high scoring encounter, with Warragul Utd grinding out a 2-3 away win at Riversdale's Frog Hollow reserve. Paul McCluskey's double proving the difference in a tight match.

Three teams; Riversdale, Carrum Utd and Brandon Park remain winless whilst Southern Suburbs are the early pacesetters, moving 2 points clear of White Star Dandenong and Doveton.

By Andrew Mashoian

when a new coach is appointed, that particular team will win their next game.

I am somewhat surprised with the small of amount of transfer activity in the Vodafone Cup, given that this week, the transfer window closes. But then again, one week is a long time in soccer and I'm sure that there will be some last minute shopping this week by a number of clubs.

Last week I touched upon the challenges faced by young players wanting to make it into first team football of the higher leagues. As I mentioned, the demise of the National Youth League Competition, and the restructuring of the Super League Competitions at Junior Level into regions has somewhat decreased the level of quality competition for youngsters.

Simple formula, decreased level of competitions for youngsters equals decreased player development. I cannot remember the last time that a Victorian State Representative Junior team was successful in winning the National Competition.

The NSW model is a very successful one as they are always in the top two in the National Competitions, perhaps Victoria may want to study this model and follow it.

Another week gone, something tells me that there will be some very interesting developments this week at a number of clubs; results so far have not gone the way that they would have liked them to go.

Until next week::

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VCSA ROUND 3 RESULTS

Canterbury Pres 1 Morrison 4

Knox Churches Force 3 Mitcham Warriors 0 (John Forbes Sean de Kretser 2)

St George's Knights A (Postponed)

D2  
Glen Eira Phoenix 0 Northern Pumas Green 1

Knox Churches Strikers 0 Mitcham Vikings 1

Mitcham Titans 4 Eastern United 4 (R. Legge 2, L. Constant, P. Figueroa S. HUnt 3, I. Ouk)

Mooroolbark Knights 1 Dandy Casuals 0 (M. Grigson)

Western United 1 McKillop 5 (Barnett)

D3  
Berwick Cruizers 1 Nth Blackburn Sharks 0 (J. Jassen)

Crossway 3 Sandringham 0 (S. Proctor, T. Bouton, B. Backhouse)

Sherbrooke Forest 2 Canterbury Bapt 1 (Ryan Jones, Eddie Woischuk)

St George Saints 1 Lilydale Eagles 1

Yarra Valley 1 Berwick Blues 4 (B. Roberts)



# FOOTBALL FOCUS...WITH RICKY DIACO

**Name:** Ricky Diaco  
**Club:** Bulleen Zebras  
**Position:** Striker  
**Age:** 23  
**Height:** 184  
**Weight:** 86  
**Nickname:** Riccardo  
**Previous clubs:** Frankston Pines / Melbourne Victory

## Outfield player you most enjoy watching in the VPL?

Yusuf Yusuf (HU) Chris Emsovski and Billy Celeski (BZ)

## In the world?

Ronaldinho, Francesco Totti and Zinedine Zidane

## Occupation?

Soccer Player / Horticulture

## Craziest team mate of all time?

Billy Armour (FP) and Steve Pantelidis (MV)

**Most influential coach of all time?**  
 George Kalameno (White Eagles)

## Most memorable match as a player?

Italian Cup Semi Final for Essendon against Whittlesea. I scored a golden goal, one of the best I've ever scored

## As a fan?

1994 European Cup Final. Milan beat Barcelona 4-0 in Athens.

## Where were you when Australia drew 2-2 with Iran?

At the game, pretty shattered.

## And when Australia qualified for the World Cup against Uruguay?

With the Melbourne Victory boys at Federation Square.

## Predict the following results:

Australia vs Japan - 1 - 0

Australia vs Brazil - 1 - 3

Australia vs Croatia - 1-1

## Your tip for the 2006 World Cup?

Italy.

## Most memorable goal you've scored?

Free kick from half way line in a reserves match when I was a kid.

## Worst injury: Calcified bone in my leg.

## Record number of juggles in single attempt?

450, no jokes.

## Steak, chicken Parma or seafood?

Love them all but Chicken Parma if had to choose.

## Chips, veggies or salad? Chips.

## Pizza or souvlaki?

Pizza. But at 3 in the morning after being out it's Souvlaki.

## Favourite drink, non alcoholic and alcoholic?

Raspberry lemonade or Vodka and lemonade.

## Favourite nightspot?

Boutique in South Yarra.

## Favourite holiday destination?

Perth.

## Kitchen whiz or home handyman?

Neither.

## What's in the CD player right now?

Incubus.

## Dream date?

Natalie Portman (The princess from the new Star Wars films)

## First team-mate you'd invite to a party, and why?

Dean Tartaglia. He knows exactly why!

## On the end of season trip, the last player to shout drinks will be...

I shouldn't really say because he's a nice guy.

## Match day superstitions or rituals?

Avoid the number 13, even looking at it, got a major thing with that number.

## Typical match day meal?

Pasta with Napoli sauce.

## Favorite sporting team when growing up?

Juventus and the Chicago Bulls.

## What are your strengths?

Strength, vision, skill, control and touch.



## What are your weaknesses?

Defending.

## Tenpin bowling or skydiving?

Ten Pin Bowling.

## Toughest opponent?

Michael Beauchamp (Central Coast Mariners).

## Select a player that you play most like?

Mark Viduka.

## Which team do you select when playing FIFA soccer on a computer game?

Chelsea.

## What is the last soccer shirt you bought?

Juventus.

## Funniest rumour you have heard about yourself?

Too many to mention, read the soccer forum.

## Childhood soccer idol?

Roberto Baggio and Michael Jordan.

## Favorite former Soccerroo?

Paul Trimboli.

## Favourite Current Soccerroo?

Archie Thompson and Ljubo Milicevic.

## What song or movie do you get inspiration from?

"Best Of You" by the Foo Fighters.

## Best away ground you like to visit?

Epping Stadium.

## If I didn't play football I'd play...

Ice Hockey.

## What fictional character would you most like to be; why? James Bond, it'd pretty obvious why.

## Hollywood is making a movie about your career. Who would you select to play you in a movie? Heath Ledger.



Diaco strutting his stuff for Melbourne Victory against Perth Glory last year.

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And don't forget to watch the offside!

# VICTORIAN FOOTBALL SHOW

## wednesdays 9pm on channel 31